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EDITORIAL

This month, November 15th, the 26th Infantry Division, Mass. National Guard, will be Federally recognized. Which means, that once again it will be on an active status as a National Guard Unit, responsible for the security of the Commonwealth.

Therefore, this issue of DOINGS is dedicated to the re-birth of the 26th "Yankee" Division, Massachusetts National Guard.

It was on a blistering, humid August afternoon in the year 1917 that the birth of the original 26th Division took place. The merger of the National Guard Units throughout the New England States marked the physical side of that first birth. From the mergers came forth the four lusty regiments of infantry; the hard-hitting regiments of field artillery; the machine gun battalions; the first combat engineers; the three trains, Supply, Ammunition and Sanitary, came the three Hospitals for field service: welded into a force of 28,800 officers and men, a rugged fighting brat of Uncle Sam's new Army — Immediate service over-seas was the fortune of the Division — poorly equipped, under modern standards, but brilliantly led, from the Division Commander down to the lowest 2nd Lieutenant of the infantry line — through the bitter cold of the training period, into the Chemin des Dames — through Apremont, Seicheprey, Humbert Plantation — the Marne — St. Mihiel — to deadly Verdun and finally along the streets of Boston in the great welcome home parade.

That parade was not a farewell review as many thought — following a short period of inactivity, the War Department in 1922, ordered the Division reactivated. Only, this time, the 26th Division was to be composed of the Massachusetts National Guard, only. Even some of the regiments that brought so much glory to the Division's name, were replaced by others with strange numbers of designation. But once these new regiments became an integral part of the Division they entered into that special spirit of service that always marked the 26th "Yankee" Division.

With periodical changes of division, regimental and

unit commands, the 26th served its long period of peace-time training. During which, a greater force of evil than that that marked the causes of World War I, rose in Europe. This force became so threatening that the Government of the United States once again ordered the Division Federalized, this time it was on a cold January 16, 1941

December 7th, found the Division a finely trained fighting unit of the Army of the United States. So much in fact, that a complete fighting task force was taken from it and despatched to meet the threat of the Japanese Empire in the Pacific. Once again the blood of the YD was amongst the first shed in defense of liberty.

The remainder of the Division became the new triangularized combat Division known as the 26th YD, World War II.

There followed a period of coastal defense, under General Hugh Drum's control, the 26th was responsible for the security of the entire Atlantic sea-board.

After successfully completing this mission, the Division was launched into an intensive training period — during which time large cadres of prime personnel material were shipped out to form other combat units of the expanding army.

Finally, on August 1944, the 26th Division set foot on French soil once again. Little time was allowed for organization — Patton needed men — in a hurry — he asked for the 26th — got them, then entered them into the battle lines just east of Nancy — not far distant from where the first YD ended its fighting career in World War I.

With Patton, followed the breach of the Maginot Line — the seige of Metz — the Bulge — the breakthrough the Seigfried Line, crossing the Rhine and slashing across Germany to meet the Russians at the Danube.

Unlike the original — the 26th Division of World War II sent its personnel home individually — and the Division with practically a new personnel entered Boston Harbor late in December 1945. A committee of old YD men met them at the docks — followed de-activation.

Once again, for the third time, the 26th Division is to be re-activated. Major General William I. Rose, whose picture is featured on the cover of this issue of DOINGS, asks every YD veteran's aid in the task of again building a strong and virile 26th YD Combat Division.

To You General Rose and to the Division, the YDVA Pledge its Wholehearted Support.

NATIONAL GUARD ACTIVATED

With the "swearing in" of the State Staff Headquarters in the historic "Hall of Flags" at the State House on Monday, September 29, 1946, the activation of the Massachusetts National Guard was underway, and the first step of attaining the ultimate goal of 27,000 men was taken. Many former guardsmen have been patiently awaiting developments along these lines.

Throughout the years, in every crisis that has faced the U. S., the states, through their military organizations, have made a definite contribution to the security of this nation. In the Civil War, Massachusetts Regiments distinguished themselves well. The outbreak of World War I saw our National Guardsmen take to the field where the history they made more than justified the expenditures made by the Federal and State governments in the year prior to that War.

Space does not permit printing the magnificent records attained by the fighting sons of Massachusetts on the many battlefronts of this war. Her immortal sons are sleeping peacefully in the burning sands of Africa, the jungles of the Pacific, and some in the cold waters of the North Atlantic. The bloody battlefields of Europe are marked with many white crosses bearing the names of former National Guardsmen.

The provisions of the National Defense Act as at present constitute calling for a Regular Army, a National Guard, an Officers Reserve Corps and Organized Reserve.

In the normal exercise of state function, it is necessary that there be available to the Governors of the states a military force sufficient in number and far enough advanced in training to cope with any internal emergency or trouble that may arise.

His Excellency Maurice J. Tobin, Governor of the Commonwealth, accepted the quota with certain stipulations, namely, (a) that Congress pass a universal training bill, and (b) that Federal Aid would be available to the state to aid in the armory facilities which are inadequate to take care of such a large number.

All National Guard units have been released from active Federal Service and their numerical designators have reverted to the state for reorganization purposes.

Massachusetts was indeed proud to be among the states to accept their quota and plans for this reorganization have been carefully studied by committees working under the direction of Brig. Gen. William H. Harrison, Jr., the Adjutant General of the Commonwealth.

General Harrison states that the following units will make up the new Massachusetts National Guard — 26th Inf. Div. Hq.; 26th Special Troop, consisting of Hq. Co. M P Co. and Signal Co.; 101st, 181st and 104th Inf. Regiments; 101st, 102nd, 211th and 180th Field Artillery Battalions; 114th Medical Battalion; 101st Engineer Battalion; 26th Quartermaster Co.; 26th Cavalry Reconnaisance Troop Mechanized; and the 26th Division Band.

182nd Combat Team, consisting of 182nd Inf. Regiment, 212th Field Artillery Battalion and 379th Engineer Co.

104th Anti Aircraft Artillery Brigade, consisting of the 211th and 212th Groups with separate Battalions and 355th, 356th and 357th Signal Radar Units.

241st Coast Artillery Group, consisting of 146th, 187th, 241st, 608th, 609th, and 610th Coast Artillery Battalions.

211th Cavalry Reconnaisance Squadron Mechanized which will take the place of the First Corps of Cadets.

177th Tank Battalion
153rd Chemical Mortar Battalion
1034 Engineer Battalion
187th Signal Battalion Separate
86th Army Ground Force Band
101st Ordnance Medium Maintenance Unit

Major General William I. Rose tried and true veteran will be the new Division Commander. At present he is interviewing officers for the staff and within a short time will make known his selections. With a world of experienced officers to choose from those selected will bring to the Guard years of training and combat experience.

Colonel Edward D. Sirois has been selected by General Rose to be the Division Artillery Officer and judging from past performances, the selection has met with wide approval and he will soon be able to change his title to the little "General".

Infantry Regimental Commanders selected are all tried and true guardsmen. 101st Infantry Regiment Colonel Edward M. "Pop" Connors — 181st Infantry Regiment Colonel James F. Powers, and 104th Infantry Regiment Colonel Marshall O. Potter. The above officers are busily engaged at the present time interviewing officers who desire to join these organizations.

Major General Rose has selected the following officers to serve on his Staff.

Lt. Col. George A. Sullivan	G-1
Lt. Col. John Cotter	G-2
Lt. Col. Daniel J. Murphy	G-3
Lt. Col. John L. Pickett	G-4
Lt. Col. Richard G. Chadwick	Adjutant General
Major Daniel A. O'Brien	Asst. Adj. General
Lt. Col. James E. Dunford	Division Chaplain
Lt. Col. Ralph Noonan	Div. Quartermaster
Lt. Col. Nils R. Gustafson	Div. Engineer
Major William Porter	Asst. G-3
Major Edward M. Logan	Asst. G-2
Major Harry T. Miller	Asst. Div. Sig. Officer
Major Matthew I. Sheehan	Div. Provost Marshal
Captain Thomas O'Brien	Aide-de-Corps
Captain Paul G. Black	Asst. G-1

The following have been named to the Artillery Staff and to Command Battalions:

Col. Reginald A. Maurer	Art. Exec. Officer
Lt. Col. Harold Trefethesen	S-3
Major Louis Whittimore	S-4
Major Nicholas Yacovitch	S-2
Captain John Wallace	Asst. S-3
Lt. Col. John P. Sheehan	101st F. A. Bn.
Lt. Col. Melvin S. Welsch	102nd F. A. Bn.
Lt. Col. Harvey E. Landers	180th F. A. Bn.
Lt. Col. Louis Brousseau	211th F. A. Bn.

The Commanding Officer of the 211th Cavalry Reconnaisance Squadron is Major Richard A. Storey, a battle scarred veteran, who was appointed by the Governor after being selected by the Veterans Association.

The 182nd Combat Team will be commanded by Colonel Daniel W. Hogan who so gallantly led this outfit in the Pacific and is seeking the aid of former members.

The following are members of the Headquarters State Staff:

Brig. Gen. W. H. Harrison, Jr.	Adjutant General
Brig. Gen. Vincent H. Jacobs	Asst. Adj. Gen. and Exec.
Col. Charles B. Clavin	Adj. Gen. Dept.
Col. Donald E. Currier	Medical Dept.
Col. Arthur V. Harrington	Ordnance Dept.
Col. Patrick T. MacQueeney	Quartermaster Corps
Col. Timothy J. Regan, Jr.	Insp. Gen. Dept.
Lt. Col. George O. Bagnall	Signal Corps
Lt. Col. John J. Dugan	Chaplain Corps
Lt. Col. Frank J. Killilea	USP & DO Sec.
Lt. Col. John G. Sheehan	USP & DO Sec. Maint. Officer
Lt. Col. Frederick T. Weed	Engineer Corps
Major Walter J. Gleason	Quartermaster Corps
Major Edmund J. Keane	Intelligence Sec.
Major Albion T. Sawyer	Public Relations Sec.
Major William M. Young	Insp. General's Dept.
Capt. Walter L. Roughsedge	Finance Dept.
1st Lt. John L. Fox	Quartermaster Corps

Former Officers and Men Needed

To carry on the traditions of Massachusetts stalwart sons who were always among the first to answer the call of our country, an appeal is made for them to join and help their old organizations in their initial drive for enlistments.

As a citizen of democracy such as ours, each of us as a member will have the opportunity to defend one of the critical areas of the U. S. in our own Bay State.

Guardsmen participate by units in many types of operations — maneuvers simulating operations in the field, and men trained to handle all types of military equipment.

If you served on active duty during the war — if you hanker for the companionship of strong men — if you firmly believe there is a place for you in a strong military reserve organization — then there is a place for you in the new Massachusetts National Guard.

Enlist Now for Early Advancement

Eligibility for Enlisted Men:

In general, physical and educational requirements are the same as those for the Regular Army. Age limits — 18 to 45. Men over 35 must have had active military service, the number of years varying with their age.

Waivers of physical defects or inability to meet educational requirements will be authorized only to the extent prescribed for the Regular Army. Unusual opportunities are offered to men with specialized skills. In addition, training in varied fields will enable men to secure better-paying civilian employment.

A Good Chance for Commissions

Qualified enlisted men will be given every incentive for advancement.

Officer Candidate Schools will be open to those seeking a commission. Graduates of R.O.T.C. units will be qualified for commissions after initial procurement of officers is completed.

Officers who were on active duty during the war and who have clearly demonstrated their qualifications by actual performance in grade will be eligible for further advancement. Promotion of commissioned officers will be based on length of service in grade, efficiency, and demonstrated command or staff abiltiy.

MILITARY POLICE

AIR FORCE

INFANTRY

CARRY ON MASSACHUSETTS TRADITIONS

America needs a strong defense. The new Massachusetts National Guard offers you opportunities never available before:

You have an unbeatable chance for personal advancement.

You can protect and enhance your present military grade.

The opportunity is open for you to win a commission.

Social and recreational facilities the kind a man likes are at your disposal.

You receive a day's Army pay for each drill.

You have two weeks in camp each year FREE — a summer vacation for which you are paid according to your rank or grade.

You have the opportunity of using the latest Army equipment, of familiarizing yourself with all the latest improvements.

SUPPLEMENT YOUR INCOME! Depending upon your grade, number of drill periods, and attendance at service schools, you can earn extra money.

The Big Men in your community will be with you in the Guard.

Industry looks with pride to Massachusetts' National Guard — recognizes its worth — and your part in it.

Cash in on your Army service! Join the Massachusetts National Guard!

ARTILLERY MEDICAL CORPS ARMORED FORCE

TANKS

COAST ARTILLERY

SIGNAL CORPS

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Congratulations to the new Editorial Staff of DOINGS for the big improvement shown in the October issue over preceding issues. We can have a still better magazine if we get the proper cooperation from our Chapters and members. At this time may I suggest that each Chapter contact their various members who are in business who might be willing to place an advertisement in DOINGS. If fifty of our Chapters could get $100 worth of advertising per year we could finance our paper without touching our funds from dues and in this way build up a substantial balance to properly carry on our organization.

As to the value of this advertising, I believe it is worth the price. The advertising rates will be found on another page of this issue. Personally, as owner of my own business, I know how much money is handed out each year to program ads. Why not use a portion of these funds to help YANKEE DOINGS and yourself. "Enuf Sed".

I am having a grand time visiting with the various Chapters and Departments. Send in your invitations and Mike and I will find a way to get around. At this writing we have eleven engagements for the month of November, including Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland.

Our membership is progressing but I would like to see the Chapter officers get busy and sign up all those members who haven't paid up for this year. This would swell our ranks to approximately 7500 members without any further new ones.

NAT. COMDR. COOK VISITS HAVERHILL

On Monday, October 14th, the Haverhill Lions' Club enjoyed the presence of Lawrence H. Cook, National Commander of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, at their noon-day luncheon. Mr. Cook gave a very interesting and constructive talk on the work of the YD Veterans Association, he also expressed a sincere hope that the co-operative action of all veterans organizations as well as the service clubs would be a very effective force in preventing the spread of foreignisms in this country, and a powerful aid in making democracy work.

Mr. Cook is a member of the Cranston, R. I. Lions' Club, it was a particular pleasure to have a brother Lion as guest speaker and a word of appreciation to Mr. Clyde Norton, a member of the Boston Chapter YD, whose efforts made possible the presence of Commander Cook.

— Frank G. Cronin.

Contributions Acknowledged

Your National Treasurer acknowledges the following contributions to the fund which will repair the damage done to our Memorial Church at Belleau, France.

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank the trustees of the 101st Infantry Charitable Foundation for their very generous gift.

Previously acknowledged	$394.00
Keene Chapter, N. H.	5.00
Willimantic Chapter, Conn.	13.25
Fitchburg Chapter, Mass.	30.00
101st Infantry Charitable Foundation	150.00
Los Angeles Chapter, Calif.	10.00
Patrick Jackie, Reading, Mass.	5.00
Roger A. Greene, Pottsville, Pa.	1.00
Louis E. Jacobs, New Haven, Conn.	10.00
Total to date	$618.25

If your chapter has not sent in its contribution, please see that it is attended to at once, so I may acknowledge it in the next issue of YANKEE DOINGS.

— L. R. Redfield,
National Treasurer.

BETWEEN OURSELVES

The greatest editor that DOINGS ever had, Philip N. Sanborn, inaugurated the column bearing the above title. In it, Editor Sanborn allowed the opinions of groups of YD men to be expressed. Not individual or controversial opinions. He bore in mind, at all times, that this Division, coming from such a thickly populated area of the United States, as is New England and having within its ranks such a diversity of classes and creeds, should not be embarrassed by distructive opinions.

Therefore, "Between Ourselves" was always a column for friendly discussions of phases of Americanism, that were good for all the family to read.

Your present Board of Editors would like to renew this editorial column. To conduct it on the same high plane of pure American thought as it was under the guiding hand of Phil. To do this we are inviting the members of the National Association of Yankee Division Veterans to enter essays to be used in the column — "Between Ourselves".

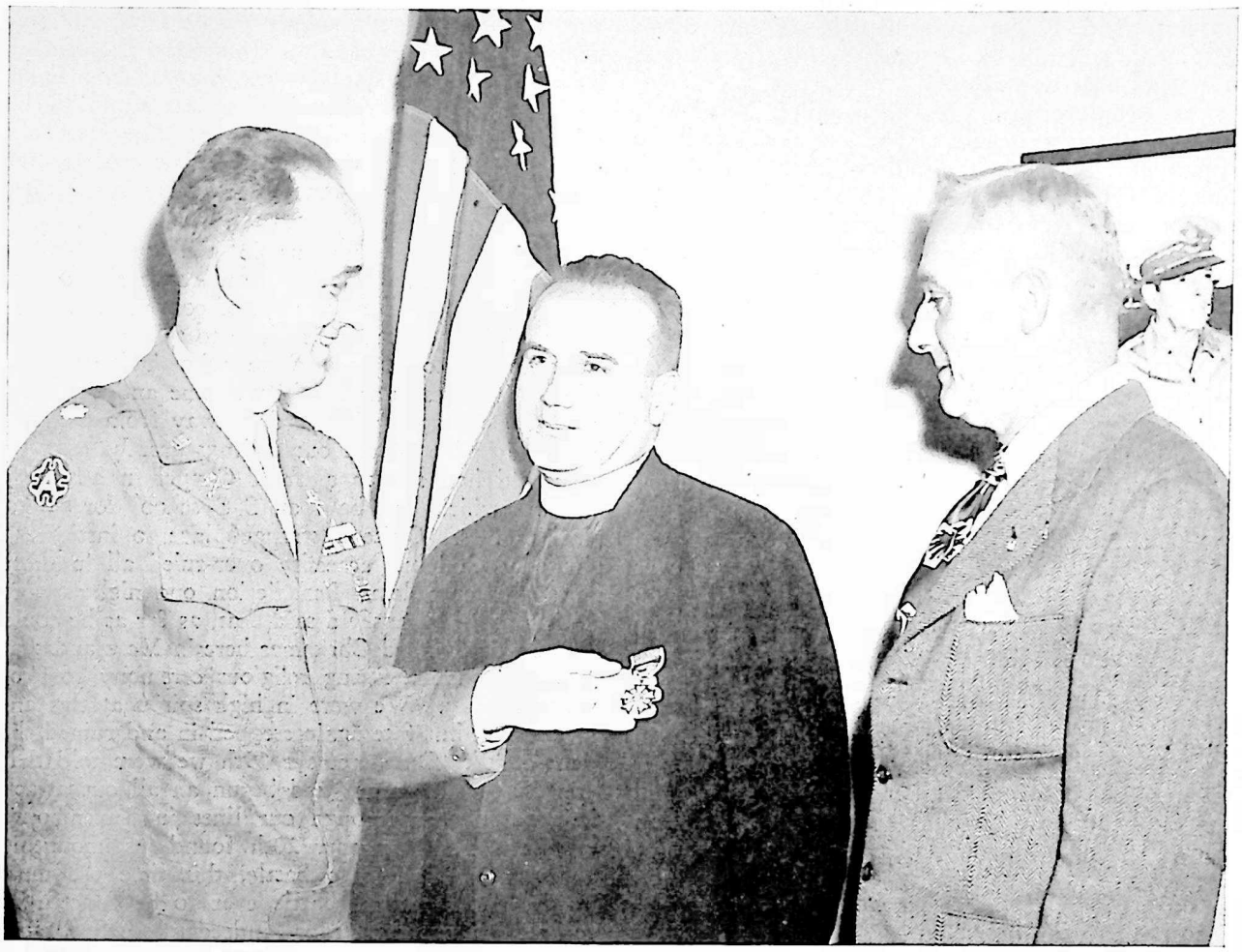
No essay shall be published that is destructive, dangerously controversial or unAmerican.

No names will be affixed to the editorail accepted. For the reason that at no time did the original "Between Ourselves" bear the name of the writer.

No essay will be returned — unless requested by the author.

Remember, this column is to be — Between Ourselves.

The Editors.



LEGION OF MERIT TO CHAPLAIN MAJOR FRANCIS X. BRANSFIELD

Chaplain Major Francis X. Bransfield, a member of the Boston YD Club, was presented the Legion of Merit for exceptional meritorious conduct while serving with the 328th Infantry 26th Division in the European Theater of Operations. Chaplain Major Bransfield served throughout the four major campaigns of the 26th Division.

Before the war Chaplain Major Bransfield was at the St. Anne's Church in Gloucester, Massachusetts. He became the Chaplain of the 102nd Field Artillery in May 1940, then transferring to the 328th Infantry.

Father Bransfield is now at Our Lady's in Newton, Massachusetts. He is a graduate of Boston English High and Boston College 1924.

The presentation was made by Lt. Col. T. R. Dunning, a member of the Lynn Chapter, YDVA, and among the witnesses was Colonel John L. Pickett also of the Lynn Chapter. Both are former members of the 102nd F.A. with Father Bransfield.

At the Worcester Convention, this past summer, Father Bransfield was elected Assistant National Chaplain of the YDVA.

"GUNS AND A WHITE COLLAR"

Forword: By the Author.

I was a Staff Sergeant in the 328th Regiment of the 26th Infantry Division, 3rd U. S. Army. My association with this unit was of a two years' duration and during this time I made the acquaintance of many fighting infantrymen. In this small gathering of words I wish to pay tribute to one of the greatest fighters of our regiment. A soldier without a gun but heavily armed with a smile, a kind word for all and the Grace of God. The name of Father Francis

X. Bransfield, Regimental Chaplain of the 328th Regiment, will not be forgotten as long as there is a man of that unit alive.

Have you ever seen a real Irish smile? You know, the kind that shines with a sparkling eye and all the trimmings. Such was the smile which always lit the face of Chaplain Bransfield when the men of our regiment were before him. He had another title besides the one of Chaplain for he was known to many as the "Moral Man".

I shall never forget our first day on French soil after the regiment had landed and marched many miles the previous night accompanied by a cold steady rain and an ocean of mud. The morning found us in bivouac outside the small Norman village of San Martin. The day had a welcome warmth and the companies slumped down in the hedge row bordered orchards to rest awhile before starting the task of pitching tents. I had just slumped down when a slightly dirty and mischeivous face poked itself over the top of the hedge row and bellowed as only an Irishman can, "How's the Moral?" We looked up and saw the "Moral's Man" smiling face. Needless to say our moral that day was far from being keen. We were uneasy in this new and foreign land and the night before had drenched us with rain and caked our entire beings with mud. He had been in that same rain and one look at his uniform plainly showed that he had a generous allotment of foreign soil on him. He was no young man as we were but he was the "Moral Man" however, and a soldier couldn't help but absorb at least a small portion of the vigor that fairly tumbled from him.

A month later we were in the thick of combat near the Moselle River section. We were a green outfit but that rapidly changed after our first baptism of fire. The regiment then moved to Bezange La Grande and each man dug a foxhole for protection against a possible air attack for German air activity was fierce at that time. As the area was a comparatively quiet one, in the infantry sense of the word, Father Bransfield decided to have Mass for the troops. His jeep was backed into the muddy field to serve as an altar over which was placed an Army blanket. Word was passsed around that Mass was going to be held and from all corners of the muddy field men came to attend. They knelt and removed their steel helmets and placed their rifles beside them so that they would be within easy reach, for a rifle close by often meant the difference between life and death. The Mass was almost over when a German, piloting a ME-109, came diving on the field with machine guns ablaze. Men dived for fox holes and in a split second the field, as viewed from a topographical sense, was vacant. After the enemy plane had been driven off by our fire and men peered over the rim of their holes we saw the Chaplain crawling out from under his jeep where he had beat a hasty retreat. With his usual smile he arose and finished the Mass as though nothing had happened. Never had a congregation dissolved as quickly as ours did that day in the early fall of '44.

December 13th found us in the town of Metz weary and worn and with our ranks savagely thinned by two months and seven days of continuous bloody battle. We had been called here to take up new reinforcements to replace those who had gallantly fallen. The rest was highly welcome and the prospect of spending Christmas day away from the field of battle had bolstered our feelings greatly. Father Bransfield had set up a small Chapel in a nearby building which had been an S S school for young Nazi officers. Quite a strange place to institute a House of God but necessity over-ruled all in those times. After Solemn Benediction one night before Christmas, Fr. Bransfield said that, as far as he could see we would spend Christmas here in Metz and that he would have a fitting religious ceremony to proclaim the day. We were in high spirits at this announcement but fate again stepped in and ruined the plans of all. On December 19th we were told that Von Rundstedt's army had begun an all out attack designed to tear through our lines in Luxembourg and Belgium. December 20th found us mounting trucks to go back into battle, this time the most bloody and fantatical battle ever to be enacted in Europe. It was not strange indeed to see Fr Bransfield standing near the trucks dressed and ready for the task and with his now familiar smile trying his best to impart some good feeling to a highly heart sickening occasion.

December 22nd found us pitched in fierce battle which was taking many lives and through it all Fr. Bransfield kept a continuous vigil in the Battalion aid stations of our Regiment. Here the wounded were tended to and in these stations were indeed places where the cruelty of war could be seen real and uncensored. Many who were brought here bloody and torned died, but few regardless of creed passed away without a strengthening word and a smile from the "Moral Man".

From September in 1944 until the fall of Germany in May 1945 the "Moral Man" weathered the continuous blast of shells, mud and snow with our regiment. He distinguished himself mainly by his good cheer and understanding of the fighting men with him because, in truth, he was one of them. In France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Austria and Czecho-

slovakia he marched with our regiment holding over the heads of the infantrymen he loved, the protective Mercy of Christ.

The "Moral Man" left us in the town of Linz, Austria while we were engaged in occupational duties. His departure was quiet and without fan-fare but the men of the Regiment missed him greatly. He returned home where he is as always, a simple servant of God.

The war has ended and many of our battles are forgotten to the world but the men of the 328th Infantry Regiment shall never forget the kindly Chaplain whose battle cry was "How's the Moral".

SPEECH MADE BY MAJ. GEN. W. S. PAUL AT PROVIDENCE, R. I., SEPT. 14, 1946

These are times that demand the best of us. There is no time to rest after the four years of unsurpassed effort that 130,000,000 Americans gave to the greatest mission ever assigned to a people — the dual mission of protecting our own boundaries and our own way of living and guaranteeing that the tragedies of the last two generations would not be repeated.

That sacred assignment has been half accomplished. The sound of Nazi boots marching relentlessly over the weak countries of Europe; and finally the shrill, shrieking sound of Japanese bombs, bringing death to Americans in Hawaii; awakened us from a lethargic slumber. Never in the history of the world has a nation turned to a task with the selfless, determined devotion that our people gave. Each individual was part of that great crusade. Giant armies were hurled at the enemy on the far flung battle lines and a Navy that circled the waters of the world transported and protected those armies as they were rushed to places that had been only a few years before, strange names from an unopened atlas. The finest air armada that money and science could devise streaked out of somewhere into somewhere to unload bombs on enemy targets. Eleven million men and women were in the services but just as essential were the 120,000,000 whose commands, plans, work and money had built the powerful machine in record time.

It was no trifling machine of War that you built. American people are inherently opposed to war. We are a nation that desires above all things — peace. We want to turn our talents and our resources and our thinking and our living to activities that are far more permanent than the transient glory of winning a war. We know that that same energy turned toward improvement of our country, the solution of our domestic problems, the raising of our standards of living and the enjoyment of our own artistic or academic pursuits — could make America the Utopia of the world. We like our way of doing things. To Americans our homes, our gardens, our children, our jobs, our democratic form of government and the thousand and one little things that make up the American pattern are the important things. Those "taken for granted" little things become our dearest possessions when the whisper of alien voices threaten them.

If we are to have our way of life and the freedom from fear so that we may adequately enjoy that way of life, we must learn from the lessons so dearly taught us by World Wars I and II — and build in the days of peace a *machine of peace.*

There is no force as antagonistic to peace as Fear. Fear colors our own attitudes and exaggerates the acts of others. Fear makes a giant of the little man whom we meet in the dark street and his harmless toy gun becomes a lethal weapon that in a fear-clouded mind means certain death. In the darkened street it is impossible to analyze his equipment and a worried mind cannot analyze his intentions. But if lights are thrown on the same street and we walk unalone and we feel that we are physically and mentally fit to cope with the stranger, how differently we walk.

Such an analogy may be applied to a nation. By the knowledge that we are not alone, that we are well equipped to meet any situation, the situation fades away — and we walk with firm stride and uplifted eyes.

This machine of peace that we must build must be the product and the property of every American. It must have as its purpose the prevention of war. The machine of peace does not demand armament and personnel and a "saber-rattling, armed to the teeth" America. It does call for a sane program of military effectiveness that assures our own people and the rest of the world that we are not to be classed as a weak, "push-over" nation.

To free us from fear in this push-button age, we must keep abreast with the modern scientific progress. We must know that our weapons of peace are equal to the weapons of war that others might devise. It takes money for scientific research and advancement. From that scientific progress, there should come many by-products that can be used by our civilian and industrial life in giving to us a better life. Money spent

in scientific research returns big dividends that are reflected in the better living of the great mass of people.

To have a machine of peace that moves along smoothly, we must have proper personnel. We must encourage our young people who show aptitudes and interests to take up the career of military professional life. That personnel must be used to the best advantage. The latest policies of modern personnel management must be incorporated into the Army to assure the nation that wastage of the Army's greatest asset — men — is past.

We must have the proper Army — civilian relationships. You must know the aims and purposes of the Army. We must work side by side as citizens of America, bound together by the chains of a common goal — peace.

The accomplishment of this ideal goal is the work of the citizenship of the entire nation. The women of America have an important part to play in this pattern of peace. Women are the martyrs no matter who wins or loses in the relentless history of war, the mothers of sons never win. Since they have so much to lose if war is to become a heritage that is handed down from generation to generation, women must take the lead in working for peace. They, as the leaders in the community life, must review the history of the five year period before each of the last two wars. They must study the reasons why at the hour of peril untrained youth was hurled against the enemy. They must know and prevent the same catastrophe from a repeat performance. The women of America have a challenge greater than any of the many challenges that they have faced before in the history of our nation: They must dedicate themselves to the alert crusade that will mean the end of war — and they must lead that crusade armed with knowledge and activated by broad patriotic reasoning. No longer can the women of this nation be lulled to a pseudo-peace by the sentimental song of those who, in the past, have promised no war, and wrecked the very instrument that could prevent war. American women gave nobly in the crisis of war. A total of 350,000 women wore the uniforms of the various services, subjected themselves to the regimentation and discipline that such service demands. Hundreds of thousands of women turned to defense work to help bring about the fastest and greatest transition from peace to war production that the world has ever known. That same great group of great women can turn that same patriotic energy to win the peace as they helped to win the war.

America must awaken to a moral consciousness and accept the individual responsibility that citizenship entails. It is your responsibility and mine to put our shoulders to the wheel and solve the problems of America — not just the problem that we as individuals are particularly interested in — but the problems that affect our citizenship. We must approach those problems with an objective, unselfish attitude. We must apply the basic philosophy on which democracy rests — the greatest good for the greatest number. We must forget sectional, racial, religious and political differences and work for the future of America. We need desperately during this period, the good common sense, the determined patriotism of our forefathers.

With the solution of our problems and with the safety of our country assured, we shall have removed the barrier of fear. Once again we will walk the straight paths of peace, secure in the knowledge that the path will not suddenly end at the treacherous abyss of war. Then and only then can we promise our sons and our daughters and their sons and their daughters a life in which their talents and their training will be dedicated to the ways of peace, instead of the haphazard channels of war.

Then we can say that we have carried out to logical conclusion the advice of the great citizen and the great soldier, George Washington, who gave us the warning: "There is a rank due to the United States among nations which will be withheld, if not absolutely lost, by the reputation of weakness. If we desire to avoid insult, we must be able to repel it; if we desire to secure peace, one of the most powerful instruments of our rising prosperity, it must be known that we are at all times ready for war."

Veterans State Bonus Tax Exempt

Holding that state veterans' bonuses are "gifts" rather than compensation, Treasury and Internal Revenue experts ruled here recently that they are exempt from federal taxation.

Such payments are also free from federal gift taxes because the gift tax applies to the giver rather than to the receiver, and a state cannot be taxed. Furthermore, the federal gift tax applies only to gifts valued at more than $3000.00 and no bonus of that size has been proposed.

Burial allowances, by an act of Congress, July 24th, known as Public Law 529-79th Congress, has been increased from $100. to $150. for proper burial of all deceased veterans.

NEWS OF 26TH DIVISION, MASS. N. G.

Announcement

Headquarters 26th Infantry Division is now being organized at 347 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass.

Former enlisted personnel of this Headquarters, or of any unit within the Division, will be considered for enlistment effective immediately.

Representatives of the various staff sections may be contacted at the above address any Wednesday evening.

Special MOS ratings are available NOW for clerks, stenographers, draftsmen and drivers.

Lt. Col. William R. Porter.

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War Diary of the 263rd Field Artillery Battalion

A limited number of copies of the War Diary of the 263rd Field Artillery Battalion are available at this time for the sum of $2.50.

Mail inquiries to Mr. John L. Donohoe, 137 Milton Street, Dorchester, Mass.

This Diary of 90 pages covers the entire period of activation and combat of the 263rd F. A. Bn. with the 26th Division, and includes about 80 pictures and a day-by-day running account of the battalion action in the European Theater.

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Mass. Nat. Guard F.A. Re-Activation

The Massachusetts 26th Division Artillery National Guard units, absent from State control since January 16, 1941, are now laying the groundwork for their return to National Guard service, and by the time this goes to press, the activation of these units will be accomplished.

On January 16, 1941 the Field Artillery units of the 26th Division, Massachusetts National Guard, entered Federal service. These units were the Hq. and Hq. Btry., 51st F. A. Brigade; the 101st, 102nd, and 180th Field Artillery Regiments.

Shortly after December 7, 1941 (Pearl Harbor Day) the First Battalion of the 180th Field Artillery Regiment headed for the Pacific, and later were redesignated the 221st F. A. Bn.

Early in 1942 the 26th Division was triangularized. The 51st F. A. Brig. Hq. & Hq. Btry. became the 26th Div. Arty. Hq. & Hq. Btry.; the First Battalion of the 101st F. A. Regiment became the 101st F. A. Bn.; the Second Battalion of the 102nd F. A. Regiment became the 102nd F. A. Bn.; and the remaining Battalion of the 180th F. A. Regiment became the 180th F. A. Bn. A cadre was formed from the 101th and 180th F. A. battalions and a new unit was formed under the designation of 263rd F. A. Bn. This was the set-up of the 26th Div. Arty. for the balance of the war.

The Second Battalion of the old 101st F. A. Regiment became the 212th F. A. Bn., and served in the E.T.O. with the Sixth Armored Division. The First Battalion of the old 102nd F. A. Regiment became the 211th F. A. Bn., and saw action in the E.T.O.

The new 26th Division Artillery, now being formed, will be composed of the 26th Div. Arty. Hq. and Hq. Btry., the 101st, 102nd, 180th, and 211th F. A. battalions, and the various units will be located as follows:

Div. Arty. Hq., 347 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Brig. Gen. Edward D. Sirois; Div. Arty. Hq. Btry. & Med. Det. Commonwealth Armory, Boston.

101st F. A. Bn. Hq., Commonwealth Armory, Boston, Lt. Col. John P. Sheehan; Hq. Btry., Btry. A, Btry. B, Btry. C, Service Battery and the Med. Det. will all be located at the Commonwealth Armory.

102nd F. A. Bn. Hq., Salem Armory, Salem, Lt. Col. Melvin S. Welsch; Hq. Btry., Batry. A, Btry. C, Service Btry. and Med. Det. will be located at the Salem Armory. Btry. B will be in the Lynn Armory.

180th F. A. Bn. Hq., Commonwealth Armory, Boston, Lt. Col. Harvey E. Landers. All Btrys. and Med. Det. will be located at Commonwealth Armory.

211th F. A. Bn. Hq., Lawrence Armory, Lawrence, Lt. Col. Louis Brousseau; Hq. Btry. and Med. Det. will be located at the Lawrence Armory; Btry. A at the Gloucester Armory, Btry B and Service Btry at the Lowell Armory, and Btry. C at the Methuen Armory.

Applicants may contact these units as follows:

Div. Arty. Hq., 347 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Wed. evenings 8—10:00; 101st F. A. Bn., Commonwealth Armory, Boston, Mon. evenings 7:30—10:00; 102nd F. A. Bn., Salem Armory, Salem, Wed. evenings 8—10:00; 211th F. A. Bn.. Lawrence Armory, Lawrence, Tues. evenings 7:30—10:00.

This is your opportunity to "pick your spots" by applying now.

Applicants for the 101st F. A. Bn., are requested to ask for Major Gustave Johnson and Major Joseph Menges.

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101st Infantry

The 101st Infantry regiment after distinguished service in World War II will be Federally recognized November 15, 1946 in the National Guard of the United States.

In reality one might review it in this manner: Since the end of the war, the personnel of the regiment

had been on leave and is merely changing its status from actual combat to a peace-time organization. Proof of this view is substantiated by the fact that officers serving in the last war are returning to active service and former non-commissioned officers are returning to be the new commissioned personnel.

The commanding officer is Colonel Edward M. (Pop) Connors, whose duty, assisted by his officers and non-commissioned officers, is to preserve the traditions of the regiment; and to speedily attain and maintain the high standard of efficiency demanded by the War Department and cherished by former member.

"Pop" enlisted as a private in old "B" Company on January 26, 1909. He served through all the grades and as "Pop" himself says, "all but cook".

There is a slight change in unit locations, Regt. Hq., Regt. Hq. Service, Cannon companies and the Medical Detachment will be at the 101st Infantry Armory, Boston, Mass.

The entire 1st Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Albert McWade, executive officer, Major Earl Eaves, will be located at the 101st Infantry Armory, Boston, Mass.

The entire 2nd Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. William (Buck) Callinan, executive officer, Major Edwin J. Butler, located at Cambridge.

The 3rd Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Timothy Doherty, executive officer, Robert Bostwick located as follows: Battalion Headquarters Company and Company L at Quincy, Company I at Attleboro, Company K at Newton and Company M at Norwood.

Recruiting for the different units is on actively at these armories.

The regiment is fortunate in being surrounded by hundreds of former members of the old 9th, the 101st Infantry of World War I and II, who through reasons of disability and circumstances of civilian status are unable to be active. This is the regimental reserve and this Reserve with the old 101st spirit and deeds of its own fashion will always assist the active regiment.

Let's pause and "strike a blow for liberty." The command is "Forward." The 101st Infantry marches onward with more battle streamers attached to its regimental colors than any other regiment in the United States Army. Proudly it marches onward in the glory of its heroic deeds and the spirit and courage of its forefathers to the tunes of "The Minstrel Boy" and "Garry Owen."

104th Inf. M.N.G. Re-organized

The 104th Infantry with its wonderful traditions and marvelous record of service in war is now in the process of reorganization. Many former officers and men of the regiment have already signified their intention of again serving with it. Their record of achievement during the recent war will, no doubt, be of tremendous value.

We have been assisted in the reorganization by many former officers who have shown great interest. Colonel McGarry of Holyoke, Colonel Milner of Springfield, Colonel Lavallee of Northampton, Colonel Shaw of Westfield and the former Colonel of the regiment, John J. Higgins, have all assisted tremendously in the reorganization and we are, indeed, very appreciative of their efforts.

In this regimental area, we are fortunate in having a number of one company armories and this will alleviate the over-crowded conditions that will be experienced initially. The area, although small, in population, covers almost one third of the State.

We, who will be active again in the 104th Infantry, will be greatly inspired by the great record of achievement of Colonel Colley and Colonel Paladino in their outstanding leadership of this regiment against the enemy in war. To them, this regiment will always be very proud and we shall inscribe their names high on its roll of outstanding leaders.

In the years that lie ahead, we shall work unceasingly to maintain and improve the outstanding record of the 104th Infantry in the 26th Division so that in the future, our Nation should need our service, we can say as the former members have so ably said — "we are ready".

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E Co. 101st Inf. W. W. II Membership Drive for YD Club of Boston and the YDVA

A few of us of E Company, 101st Inf., have been meeting on Thursday evenings at the YD Club of Boston and the conversation turned to the membership drive that is underway at the Boston YD Club in conjunction with the nation-wide drive of the YDVA. It was suggested to get all former E Company 101st Inf. W. W. II men to join the YDVA. Now to do that will take considerable planning and effort on the part of all the men of the Company who are interested in keeping the Company banded together.

For a start, how about a Company reunion in January 1947?

The last reunion of the old Company was held on March 1, 1946 at the YD Club of Boston. And the affair was a grand success, considering the hasty plan-

ning by a small group. About seventy men were present and everyone had a great time meeting old buddies and drinking toasts to each other.

Offhand I can mention some of the seventy who were present, Art Green, Bucky Blair, John (Mucker) Mahoney, Buddy Coughlin, Danny DeYesso, Frank Garrity, Skipper Buzz Brattin, Dick Byrnes, Mimi Panico, Joe Kreas, Joe Gonsalves, John Birch, Peanuts Brodeur, Jimmy O'Rourke, Hank Corbett, Al McWade, Larry Mikulski, Tom Silva, Dick Gariepy, Jerry (Slippery) Moynihan, Ed (Mothball) Manning, Roger Oginski, Bill Costello, Joe Concannon, Buddy Francis, George and Wilfred Cote, Col. (Pop) Connors, Marty Sullivan, Danny Antonino, George Bibeault, Joe (Teddy Bear) Filipek, Dirty Shirt Boyle, Stinky McLeod, Vito Kaseta, Herbie Anderson, Bonesy Liljegren, Dom Serra, Bill Bowes, Walt Wythe (F Co.), Bob Griffin (Medics) Benny Royale, Willy Fischer, George Ogilvie, John Dennan and others that I just can't recall at this late date.

One of the gang suggested that a meeting be called in the near future so that we could get some active committees operating.

I suppose E Company will be out in force with their ladies to attend the Grand Military Ball of the Boston YD Club, at the Bradford Hotel on Friday evening, December 6, 1946. Why not meet at 7:00 P. M. at the Bradford and have a get-together in a room reserved for E Company, 101st Inf., W. W. II, then attend the Ball in a group, in time for the Grand March at 9:00 P. M.

Again, let me suggest that you make use of the YD Club.

Message from Quartermaster General T. B. Larkin on Return of War Dead

Quartermaster General of the Army T. B. Larkin, while addressing the delegates at the National Convention of the American Legion, revealed that a total of 248,315 remains of armed forces members who died overseas had been identified. In addition, 17,094 remains which are as yet unidentified have been recovered in the nine areas and zones throughout the world in which the program of the Graves Registration Services is being carried out. He said that a total of 91.3% percent of the approximately 290,700 remains in all theaters possibly affected have been located. An additional 37,300 service men were lost at sea or otherwise vanished.

He also stated that where the remains of a deceased service personnel are being returned to the next of kin, all veterans organizations can play a vital role in the program and final burial of the World War II dead, saying in part: "You must keep in mind, however, that these remains will be coming back to this country over a period of years. If you take this responsibility and offer to provide military funeral arrangements, your interest and zeal must not diminish. The last man to reach these shores in death must not be considered worthy of less notice or be given fewer honors than the first to return."

General Larkin gave assurance that the War Department will handle every detail of the repatriation program with simple dignity in the best American tradition. He said that every effort would be made to spare the living relatives of the deceased as much anguish and sorrow as possible.

Said General Larkin, "In our muddled and weary world all the high-minded plans and schemes may not be accomplished as we wish. By co-operation, by understanding and by constant awareness of the privilege which is ours, I am convinced that we can carry out the wishes of the war dead's next of kin in a manner which will redound to the credit of all."

YD POST NO. 290 A. L.

The installation of the new officers of the Post, headed by Commander A. John Halfenstine, was a great success. The dinner and the dancing that followed the actual installation was enjoyed by the many who attended.

The next regular meeting of the Post will be held the 4th of November because of Armistice Day falling on the second Monday of the month.

The Big Annual Turkey Drawing will be held on Monday evening, November the 25th, at 8:00 p. m. This is one party that no YD man wants to miss. The birds we have are the best money can buy and the rest of the prizes are also of a high grade. The funds derived from this Drawing are used to aid the families of the Post members who are confined to sick beds. It's your one big chance as a YD man to help a good cause and at the same time win yourself a nice big Turkey Dinner with all the fixings.

The YD Post will have a box at the Grand YD Club Ball to be held at the Bradford Hotel, December 6, 1946.

Commander Halfenstine and his officers cordially invites all the new men of the YD Club of Boston to join the Post and participate in the lively activities of the best Post in Suffolk County.

— Arthur C. Mitz, Adjutant.

NOTES ON THE DIVISION HISTORY

Beginning this month and continuing until actual issue of the History has been accomplished, notes of interest concerning the complete history of the YD from 1916-1946 will be given to you for your interest and information.

Recently the National Historical Committee met at the offices in the Memorial YD Club of Boston to receive a report on the progress of the history. Among those in attendance at this meeting were: Chairman John Cotter, Secretary H. Guy Watts, Francis Gannon, William R. Porter, Albert McWade, Rex Maurer and others. The history editor indicated that all the bull work on the text was about completed.

Many of the special items of interest such as the beautiful two page, four color maps are about completed. We have seen some of these maps which are being prepared by Rex Maurer and his artistic staff and they are "tops" — they graphically and simply portray the campaigns of the Division.

Another item discussed by the committee was the brochure advertising the history. The proposal of the publishers, (The Infantry Journal Press)for a four page colored brochure was approved. You should be receiving this in the next few weeks. Incidentally, why not plan to purchase a subscription to the history as a Christmas gift for some friend?

The editor requested the committee to push the securing of personal combat photos. It is not too late to submit them and they will enhance the value of the history — which is to be mainly photographic. Dig through those photo albums and send your favorite combat shots to H. Guy Watts' attention, the Historical Committee. They will be carefully handled and returned intact.

Lists of all the men who have served in the Division are as yet not complete. If you fail to secure a brochure drop a line to the Committee giving your name and address.

Plan Now to Purchase a Copy of the Complete YD History.

A. P. O.

Frances DeArmon, daughter of Frank DeArmon of the Supply Co., 101st Inf., W W I, has joined the Novitiate of the Maryknoll Sisters, Maryknoll, N. Y. on October 5th.

Heard on Club phone: Hello! Mr. Bisbee? This is Lester. Mr. Bisbee, I'm supposed to be off to-day. Earl is going to get married or something. Oh! All right, I'll be in.

328th Men Getting Around

Received a membership application blank filled out from Vance R. Bowman, Co. G, 328th Inf., who is now with the Colombian Petroleum Co., at Cucuta, Colombia, South America. He also served with Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 104th Inf.

Congratulations

That mighty mite of the 182nd Infantry Band, Americal Division, Valentine Ciotti, stepped out into double harness with Miss Catherine Orcutt on September 9, 1946. Val, is making a go of it at the South Postal Annex. Best of luck, Valentine Ciotti, to you and the Mrs.

To John Levitan on the birth of a grandson. Poor old Grandpappy.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

Nat. Commander: Lawrence H. Cook, 65 Massasoit Ave., E. Providence, R. I.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Michael E. S. McDermott, 50 Main St., Hanover, N. H.
Secretary: L. C. Horton, 25 Monmoth Rd., Manchester, N. H.

STATE MEETING

Invitations are in order to Comdr. Michael E. S. McDermott, for a Department Meeting at an early date. Although many subtle hints have been passed around none of the New Hampshire Chapters seem to have taken one. How about it? Now that the haying is done and it is getting late for fishing seems like we ought to put on a rousing good Department Meeting some Sunday and soon.

We are looking quite hopefully up Lebanon way

where in times past it was a real pleasure to be entertained by the Triangle Chapter. How about it gang? Got any ideas- And are there any YDers left in Concord.

— L. C. Horton.

MANCHESTER

Commander: Burton Knight
400 Young St., Manchester, N. H.
Acting Secretary: L. C. Horton
25 Monmouth Rd., Manchester, N. H.

Chapter meets second Wednesday of each month at 1552 Elm street, Manchester, N. H.

Manchester Chapter held a Special Meeting Wednesday evening, Sept. 25th to plan their participation in the Veterans of World II Welcome Home Day. The day was set for Oct. 12th which is in conjunction with Manchester's Centennial Celebration of that week.

All veterans organizations in Manchester will have a part in the Welcome Home Program, therefore, Manchester Chapter plans to set up a headquarters and make a real friendly welcome to all YD Veterans. There will be parades, music, refreshments, food and fun, so if you are in Manchester on Oct. 12th, look up the YD Welcome Home Headquarters and be welcome. This party will be held at the home of the American Legion Post 79, 1552 Elm street, Manchester, N. H. The committee: Commander Knight, Comrades Blidberg, Vignault, Gilmore and Smith.

A special meeting is being planned for Wednesday evening, Nov. 13th, at which time a representative from the Veterans' Bureau will be present to explain in detail all benefits now available for both W. W. I and II veterans. There will be other guest speakers and lunch will be served after the meeting.

Manchester Chapter now has 90 paid up members and there are still 100 or so more not in the fold. There are going to be some changes made — we hope.

— L. C. Horton.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Joseph H. Watton, 77 Groton St., Lawrence, Mass.
Secretary: William I. Hart, 91 High St., Lawrence, Mass.

STATE MEETING

The October meeting of the State Department was held at the new Springfield YD Club on Sunday the 13th. Members were present from Fitchburg, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, Salem, Lynn, Springfield and Worcester. Everyone was impressed with the beautiful location of the new club and eventually it will be one of the finest clubs in the State.

The meeting was highlighted by the election of Fred Jones, of Worcester, as Junior Vice Commander. With the outstanding results he obtained as the chairman of the National Convention, he will add great strength to the State Department organization. Thomas Crokan, of Springfield, was elected Judge Advocate and he and Fred Jones were installed by Past National Commander Denis Brunton.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Springfield Chapter served a delicious supper after the meeting and all the members remarked that the meat loaf and pie was the best they had ever eaten.

The drawing was made for the prize in the Department Commanders Travel Fund raffle and one of the Lowell members won it. Past State Commander Emile Thibault was designated to send a report on the results of the tickets sold for publication in *Yankee Doings.*

A motion was passed that a letter be sent to Governor Tobin asking consideration be given Deputy Supt. John C. Dolan for appointment as Superintendent at the Concord Reformatory. Comrade Dolan is a member of the Concord Chapter.

The members voted to have a letter of sympathy sent to the wife of Maj. Michael J. Dee who recently passed away. Major Dee was an outstanding member of the Yankee Division and was Superintendent at Concord Reformatory. He had a national reputation as an authority on penal institutions.

The next State Department Meeting will be held at the Worcester YD Club on Sunday, November

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3rd. This is the first Sunday in November and is a change from the past few months when the meetings have been held on the second Sunday of the month.

— William I. Hart.

BEVERLY

Commander: Norman MacLean
15 Sturtevant St., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: George A. Bright
4 Whittier St., Beverly, Mass.

Beverly started their fall season with a meeting at the American Legion Home. Those members who did not attend sure missed a nice oyster stew with all the fixings.

We held our meeting on October 31st at which time we had a real Italian spaghetti and meat balls supper. One of our real old timers, who is an old and also a new YDer, Abel Katz was elected and installed as Commander of the Earle T. Wardell Post, American Legion. This is the 10th YDer to be installed as Commander of this post. Abe got quite a surprise on the night of installation when he was presented a fine wrist watch by his wife Anna.

Another new YDer came into the lime light this month when Bill Prest was installed as Commander of the Beverly Farms Legion Post. Bill is also Vice-Commander of our YD Chapter.

Lem Andrews has been confined to the Beverly Hospital, but am glad to report that he is getting along much better now.

Guy Fossiano who has been sick is also reported on the road to recovery.

To those who have not been attending our gatherings, why not come down and join us. We have our meetings early so that if you have to go some other place, you can still make it.

— George Bright.

BOSTON

Commander: Frank W. Coppinger
27 Adelaide St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The monthly Smoker for October was held on the 17th with an overflow crowd. For entertainment we had Rita Nagle of the Shore Bar; Bill Cox and Pat Winston from Al Sear's Cafe; Jim Murray and Louis Jackson of McNamar's; Marion Mulhall from Jimmy O'Keefe's; Sally Keefe of the Crawford House was late in arriving on account of an earlier engagement but has promised to come up to some future Smoker.

Work is still going on in renovating the Clubhouse. The Main Hall and Second Floor is about completed and the cocktail room is beginning to brighten up with the new furniture and curtains and fresh paint.

Our membership is up to 1045 and coming in every day. We have just sent out letters with application blanks to all of the 263rd that have not joined and hope that when the returns are received we will be over the eleven hundred.

World War II members who have signed up since the last issue are Edw. F. Loughlin, CWO, 101st Inf.; Samuel Aronson, 104th Inf.; John J. Flynn, Co. A, 328th Inf.; Neil P. Duggan, 26th QM Co.; Charles Stringos, MP Co. Special Troops; Bernard A. Lyons, 2nd Bn., 101st Inf.; Francis E. Bissonette, Hq. Co. Special Troops.

Boston Auxiliary

The Annual Penny Sale of the Yankee Division Auxiliary will be held at the YD Club, 200 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 8:00 P.M.

Mrs. Mae Cadogan, chairman, will be assisted by the following committee: Mrs. Ruth Fenno, Mrs. Agnes Lacasse, Mrs. Bertha Kenney, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Nonie Nugent, Miss Margie Murphy and Miss Amelia Penteris.

Mrs. Helen Kellen, President, invites all club members and their friends to attend.

Mrs. Bertha Kenny, Hospital Chairman, is planning a party at the Veterans Hospital soon. The feature of the evening will be a moving picture show. All are invited.

— Nonie J. Nugent.

Boston Briefs

John J. Ridge, a member of the Boston YD Club, was elected Senior Vice Commander, Dept. Mass. the Amvets. The election was held at Springfield, Sunday, Sept. 29th.

John is also the Commander of the Back Bay Memorial Post 40 Amvets. Looks like the YD will take over the Amvets.

Mrs. Ridge is serving H. Guy Watts, our Boston Club Manager, as a part time secretary. John won her from the deep heart of Texas and transplanted her into New England. Nice transplanting, John.

With the coming of Fall the Boston Club is showing signs of a busy season. What with the new bar beginning to shape up and the prospects of it being open by the end of October, President Coppinger says he will start the Fall list of activities off with a real

bang-up opening. So all you lads and lassies who love YD watch for further announcements in the Boston Briefs.

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Bill Connors, H-er Comp., W. W. II, was elected Junior Vice President of the 101st Infantry Association. Bill is also the Junior Vice Commander of the YD Post 290, A.L. Bill it seems is going to be the YD Junior of the year.

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For his untiring aid in the Arlington Youth Guidance Program and for his work for youth throughout the Commonwealth, Bert Ford, War Correspondent, W. W. I, was presented with an Honorary Membership in the New England Association of Chiefs of Police.

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Those members of the YDVA who have had the pleasure of visiting the YD Club of Boston, the National Headquarters of the Association, have expressed their delight at the way the premises have been cleaned up. Marty Taylor has certainly not spared the elbow grease in scouring every nook and crany of the Boston Club. The painters and carpenters have been very busy in anticipation of the great day that we open our cocktail lounge and bar.

At the September meeting of the Boston YD Club's Board of Governors Special Meeting, it was voted that Edward A. Connors, past president of the club be appointed Chairman of the bar committee assisted by Richard J. Sullivan, Joe Kelliher, William Connors and Leslie Perry. George McDonald was made manager of the bar.

Walter Grant was appointed chairman of the YD Ball Committee with Al McWade as assistant.

Tim Doherty was made chairman of the by-laws committee with John J. Mahoney as assistant chairman. These two members are to select the other members of the committee.

Maj. Frederick T. Marden, 328th Infantry, and who commanded M Company is at the Murphy General Hospital, Waltham, Mass., still recuperating from wounds in both feet. The Major does get over to the club nearly every Thursday evening and passes the time of day with any of the old gang who happen to drop around.

Arthur C. Mitz, that merry member of the Boston Club, in fact the No. 1 member of the YDVA and the Boston Club of W. W. II, is the proud owner of the first car given by the Federal government to amputees.

CONCORD
"Minute-Man Chapter"
Commander: Clyde A. Booker
39 York St., Lexington, Mass.
Secretary: Alex MacEacheren
West Concord, Mass.

Well! Well! Well! the Minute-Men finally had a meeting with more than 10 at it. But no thanks to our own members. We have Lowell, Lawrence and Haverhill to thank for it. They came Tuesday the 8th, and brought quite a crowd — making about 50 in all. First good meeting in four years.

Our own members came from Bedford, Concord, Lexington, Lowell, West Concord, Washington, Maine and Waltham.

Dept. Treas. McCarthy brought Slim Alex MacEacheren, Prof. O'Grady and Mulvey from Concord.

Commander Snee opened the meeting about 8:30 P. M., going through the regular business fast to the election of officers. Those elected were: Commander, Clyde A. Booker; SVC, Emil Sveningsen; JVC Charles Carton; Secretary, Alex MacEacheren; Treasurer, John O'Grady; Chaplain, Frank Carr; Historian, Fred Monreau, Sgt.-at-Arms, Joseph Dee and Executive Committee, Joseph Daigle, Bernard Snee and Aubrey McDonald.

Installation of officers Nov. 12, at 8:00 P. M. in Town Hall, Bedford.

Visitors Dept. Comm. Joseph Watton, William Hart, Dept. Sect., and Comm. Lawrence Chapter.

A resolution was passed that John Dolan, a comrade, be made Superintendent of Concord Reformatory.

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Comrade Steven E. Tackney, Lt. Col., has been in Murphy General Hospital, Waltham, for the past four weeks.

The passing away of P.C. Maj. Michael J. Dee is not only a great loss to this chapter but to the whole YDVA. The Major was Captain of old Co. I, 6th Regiment later Capt. of B Co., 101st MPs, W. W. I.

Let's have a good turn out for Clyde Booker on his installation night. — Sully.

DANVERS

Commander: Harvey Bishop
Forest St., Danvers, Mass.

Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holton St., Danvers, Mass.

Danvers Chapter held their monthly meeting at Mrs. Pike's Inn, Middleton on Wednesday Oct. 16. We had the usual flame thrower hour, then chicken supper with all the fixings and then movies by our good old friend, Hon. Member Frank Cook. We had 26 out. Our membership has reached 48 and I am in hopes of at last reaching 50. We are uncertain as to whether we can have a meeting in November as Mrs. Pike informed us that due to the scarcity of material for cooking she was cancelling everything until the food situation improved but several of the comrades told her they would see that she got the necessary stuff and on this promise she agreed to take care of us next month. If we can't meet at Mrs. Pike's we are licked, however, we have our fingers crossed.

The members voted to purchase four tickets for P.N.C. Dennis Brunton's testimonial so Comdr. Harvey Bishop and Mrs. Bishop and yours truly and Mrs. Davis will be in Springfield, Saturday, Oct. 19.

Just to show how it pays to sport a YD insignia on your car I want to cite an incident that occurred to our Comrade Benny Kimball, 101st F.A., Danvers Chapter in Hartford, Conn., last week. Benny's car broke down in Hartford and along came a fellow and said, "Hello YD, in trouble?" Benny said, "Yes I am." Well says the fellow, "YD boys don't let YD boys down. My name is Matty ————, member of the Hartford chapter."

Benny forgot his last name. Well that was at 5 in the afternoon and this comrade stuck with Benny till midnight when they got the car fixed up and then to cap it all he insisted on paying the chow bill.

Brother that's YD for you. No half way measures.

Comrade Matty ———— of the Hartford Chapter, Benny Kimball of the Danvers, Mass. chapter, wants to take this opportunity of thanking you through *Yankee Doings* for all you did for him and if you ever come to Danvers look him up. He will be more than pleased to see you.

Incidentally Benny said that the YD emblem he has on his car is the yellow one he got at the Worcester Convention and now Benny says, "Don't drive without a YD emblem on your car." — C. W. Davis.

FITCHBURG

Commander: William King
431 Main St., Leominster, Mass.

Secretary: James Meffen, Sr.
411 North St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Fitchburg Chapter met on the night of Oct. 8, 1946 in their rooms on River street. Forty members were present, including two new members of W. W. II. The members of this chapter had started the ball rolling to give the Vets of our city a Welcome Home and most of the men were busy this past month working on committees. We made a float that was a fine replica of the YD Church at Belleau Woods, and received honorable mention from the judges. We also had an old Ford that served with the YD in 1917-1918 and a jeep from the recent past war. The Gardner High School Band, which we hired, did a swell job with the music.

The Welcome Home took place on the 11th, 12th and 13th of the month and although it rained most of the 12th, the Vets had a real swell time and one that they will not forget soon.

From this Welcome Home affair we have received requests for more than 50 applications. So if they all come in we should be well up in the top brackets of the membership list by next year.

The uniform was won this month by Clayton Locke. Refreshments were served as usual and the stove pipe gang went to gabbing until 12 midnight, then home to bed. Next meeting — Nov. 12th.

— J. D. Meffen.

HOLYOKE

Commander: James F. Drain
21 Commercial St., Holyoke, Mass.

Secretary: Lawrence A. Wagner
201 Oak St., Holyoke, Mass.

The Holyoke Chapter, YDVA, is being revived — more than 40 YD veterans from both wars met in Hotel Essex on Monday evening, Oct. 7. Chairman Harold C. Burnett with his committee arranged for a Turkey Dinner which was scheduled for 7 p. m., but did not actually get under way until about 7:30.

Holyoke Chapter had no real meetings for a number of years during the war, and some of the buddies especially from W. W. II met for the first time since "over there".

During the dinner, Past Comdr. Harold G. Woodruff, master of ceremonies and toastmaster, took over. He called on all present to announce their names and companies and give a few remarks. It was surprising how the W. W. II vets got up on their feet and told a few yarns about over there on how the YD won the war.

National Commander Cook and his Sgt.-at-Arms Michael Crescenzo took over and installed the following officers: Commander, James F. Drain; Sr. Vice-Commander, Albert Tenney; Jr. Vice-Commander, Walter Linehan; Adjutant, Lawrence A. Wagner; Treasurer, Bertram C. J. Warner; Sgt.-at-Arms, Norman Monat and Chaplain, Harold G. Woodruff.

After the Installation ceremonies, National Commander Cook outlined the progress on the YD and how various new chapters are being formed throughout the U. S. Dept. Comdr. Joseph Watton was present and spoke on the increased activities in Massachusetts.

Chairman Fred Jones, Chairman of the Worcester Convention Committee came with Dept. Comdr. Watton and told how the Worcester Chapter obtained their home in Worcester. Fred Jones certainly upholds the 101st as the one that won the war in 1918 and that he never heard of the 104th until he came back to Worcester in 1919 to take up his post in the Police Department.

— Larry Wagner.

LOWELL

Commander: George T. Morse
34 Staples St., Lowell, Mass.
Secretary: Joseph H. Lemire
25 Sayles St., Lowell, Mass.

A joint meeting was held at Bedford with the Concord Chapter. There were also representatives from Lawrence and Haverhill in the Minute Men's Post at the YD Dugout under Commander Snee. The State Commander, Joseph Watton addressed the group on membership. Commander Burnham of Haverhill said his piece de resistance. Lowell Chapter took over the chair in their turn with Commander Morse in the chair also Joe Lemire as Secretary. Other posts were filled by Emile Hartman, H. Vancour, Pop Turgeon, and Martin Gilligan. Routine business was carried on after which a repast was put on through the courtesy of the Chef of the Dugout.

Lowell Chapter has been tipsy since H. Chambers of 41 Blossom street, won the case of spirits in Springfield when Jake Morse, Gilligan, Turgeon and Vancour brought home the bacon from the State Meeting.

W. Mitchell is in Chelsea Hospital — Send a card.

— J. H. Lemire.

LYNN

Commander: Wm. T. Eddows
369 Essex St., East Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Edmund Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

Every Tuesday, 54 Central street, Lynn, Mass.

Plans have been completed for our 27th Annual Armistice Eve Banquet to be held Nov. 9th at Briar Cliff Lodge — 6:30 P. M. A fine program has been arranged — dancing, entertainment, etc. — after the Turkey Dinner.

Chairman Christian Schacht has announced the following committee: Secretary Edmund Trudell, Treasurer Raymond Doucette; tickets, Edwin Street, chairman, assisted by Leonard Burnham, Eustis Grimes, Charles Scanlon, Oliver Nichols, Leslie Pugh and Raymond Booth.

Refreshments: Chairman George Walton, assisted by Charles Benway, William Perry, Kendall Ball, Stephen Longuercio, Willis Harvey, Robert Quinn, Peter Perrault, Herbert Weeks, William Gaffney and John Day.

Guests: Chairman Robert Newman, assisted by Claude Hoag, Roy Knox, Percy Paige, Lloyd Pitman, Walter Smith, Francis Fetlow, Earl Bailey, Harlam McPhetres, John Pickett.

Hall: Chairman A. Raymond Doucette, assisted by Ralph Heftye, Perley Knight, Richard Skinner, Michael Garofano, George Lee, Harold Guppy.

Caterer: Chairman Thomas Curran, assisted by Gustave Johnson, Joseph Sewell, Richard Hennessey, Albert Adrien, Robert McAskill and Joseph Jackman.

Entertainment: Chairman Rudolph Heftye, assisted by Ralph Russell, Frank Durkee, Joseph Trimble, Holman Stanchfield, Peter Narbis, Arthur MacMunie, Clarence LeBlanc.

Colors and Ceremony: Chairman Stanley Janiszewski, assisted by Walter Smith, Eustis Grimes, Perly Knight, Lawrence Kelley, Charles Balcom, John Lee, James Connolly, Edward Saulnier, Ivan Comeau, Stephen Torrey and Lt. Col. Thurlow Dunning.

The chapter will again take part in the Armistice Day parade and expects to be led by the Saugus High School Band.

We held our Smoker on the 29th. It was called Salem Witch Nite. Emile and his gang were our guests.

— "The Duke".

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Dester Dubois
106 Arnold St., New Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: Ernest G. Parker
15 Priscilla St., New Bedford, Mass.

October 8th meeting was held at the quarters of Battery D, 102nd F.A. Veterans' Association. Committee who prepared the supper were Walt. Burns, Ralph Swift, Al Taylor, Bill Barter and Ernie Parker. A buffet lunch preceded the regular order of business.

A very interesting program of moving pictures were enjoyed. They were of the many fights participated in by Champion Joe Louis. The pictures were shown by John Mitchell for whom a rising vote of thanks was extended.

The presence of Dist. Atty. Frank E. Smith added much to the success of the meeting. In a brief talk, Mr. Smith refuted the impression held by some that much crime can be attributed to returning veterans, stating that the session at Barnstable included only four veterans before the court. From an area, with a population of 36,000, this record speaks for itself. The remark of the District Attorney were well received and a rising vota of thanks was extended to him.

Past Commander Barter reported on a recent conference of various groups, with representatives of the 101st Inf. Charitable Foundation. Comrade Barter reported that the fund to be distributed will be $30,000, $4,000 more than in 1945. While the gross amount is greater, also a greater number of veterans' organizations will participate, therefore resulting in reduction of the amount to be received.

Past Comdr. Louis Marcoux reported the activities of the Junior Drum Corps. He stated the Corps has participated in activities in Bristol, Conn., Welcome Home Parade in New Bedford and Block Dancing and Welcome Home Celebration in Acushnet. He also reported receipt of a trophy from the Worcester Chapter for participation of the Corps at the National Convention held in that city. He also stated that the Championship of the Division is still retained by the New Bedford Junior Drum Corps, having been held by the absence of any other Chapter Corps participating. This correcting a previous error in which it was reported that the Corps failed to retain the title.

It was reported that three comrades were sick — Comrade Vincent Cotnoir who underwent a major operation is resting comfortably at St. Luke's Hospital; Charles Bowden, 55 Fruit street, has been confined at home; Comrade Henry C. Zietler, 20 Reynolds street, is slowly recovering from an operation. A vote was passed to send each comrade a carton of cigarettes.

It was voted to hold the next meeting Tuesday, Nov. 12th at which time it is expected a speaker (by promise of Comrade Doc Crowe), will be present to discuss campaigns of the recent war.

Don't forget — if you hear of a sick comrade — let us know and keep talking membership.

— Dester D. DuBois.

SALEM

Commander: Ernest J. Pelletier
22 Mt. Vernon St., Peabody, Mass.
Secretary: Chas. A. LaForme
33 Balcomb St., Salem, Mass.

We have changed our meeting dates from the Second and Fourth Sundays to the Second and Fourth Thursday evenings of the month so you who read this notice consider yourselves notified.

Our social season is getting started. This is to notify all the Faithful that we are getting our bowling league started and also the cribbage tournaments agoing. The old carcases of 1918 are going to take on the Boby Sockers of 1945. All of you — good, bad or indifferent, are invited to take part. There will be refreshments at all these affairs. Al Lareau said he will make clam chowder on cold nights — cool bbs. on hot nights. No charge to anyone for anything. All we want is your attendance.

We are planning to have inter-chapter affairs. We have invited Danvers to have a Danvers Night. Also Beverly to have a Beverly Night. We hope to have Lawrence, Haverhill, and Lowell. Maybe there are some from Boston or Lynn who think they are pretty good at cribbage. This is no hint. We are the champs and we will take on hams from any place. We will furnish the cards, cribbage boards, refreshments and the trimmings.

Bert Julien, our W. W. II Junior Vice Commander, has contacted a lot of W. W. II boby sockers to take us on and yours truly is sending a distress call to all the old foggies of 1918 to join in. Comdr. Ernie Pelletier is to play ping pong with Elmer Remon, W. W. II and at his age too.

Our Chaplain, Walter Coan, W. W. II, finally said the prayers at the opening of the meeting. It seems that Walter does the collecting at St. Mary's Church on Sundays. I guess he thought Commander Pelletier was the Priest, because from force of habit he said Father will you please hand me the collection box? You all can guess what he collected from us — a lot of razzberries.

— Donald Duck Thibault.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Walter F. Gilligan
47 Armstrong Ave., W. Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Robert D. Nash
174 Berkshire Ave., Springfield, Mass.
1st, 3rd Fridays, YD Club of Springfield

The first thing on the program for this month's edition is an humble apology for omitting copy for last month's *Yankee Doings*. With the Springfield Chapter in full swing however, yours truly really needed an extra pair of hands.

The idea of an extra pair of hands brings to mind the many extra pairs that are seemingly always present and willing to work in our behalf. I refer naturally to the ones belonging to the members of our Auxiliary. Washing paint in the new clubhouse, running a booth at the Lawn Party, serving luncheons, it's all part of a day's work for the girls, and what a splendid job they do. Last but decidedly not least, is their own room at the clubhouse tastefully furnished, and always immaculate, it continues to be the bright spot in the house.

At the time of writing our calendar for the balance of the year contains only two more marked dates. The first one was Saturday, Oct. 19th at which time we gathered at the Hotel Charles and payed our respects to Past National Comdr. Dennis J. Brunton for a tough job, exceptionally well done. "Ros" Patch has labored long and hard to assure us of a fine time and to those that know Roswell's ability to organize an affair of this type no further guarantee is required.

The next affair will be the annual Armistice Ball. Everything is in readiness and on the night of Nov. 9th we will move to the house next door, the Springfield Turn Verein, for another grand evening. This ball incidentally will precede the formal opening of the clubhouse scheduled for Armistice Day.

The fall membership drive is now in full swing and under the efficient tutelage of Sr. Vice-Commander Hogan the boys are out beating the bushes.

Comrades Valentine and Johnson who were recently confined at their homes due to illness are back in the fold once more.

Start your plans now for the biggest and best — The 1947 YD Convention — Springfield.

— Bob Nash.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Carl G. Olson, 1492 Main St., W. Warwick, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: William A. Geddes, P.O. Box 457, Warwick Neck, R. I.

PAWTUCKET
"Apremont Chapter"

Commander: John L. Mallon
56 Sabin St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Secretary: John R. Moran
394 Daggett Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

With one-half of the year gone by I am happy to report that Apremont Chapter has past the last year's membership mark and bids fair to break the highest figure in the chapter's history. With the five names turned over to Jack Moran today that brings up the membership to 145. Previous high was 147 during Al Shabbott's year as commander. With the support of Shabbott that he has given me in the past four weeks I expect to be able to report not less than 160 members at the meeting in November. The chapter extends its sympathy to Bill Renfrew who lost his mother.

Casualty list: Jack Moran is now hobbling about on his crutches and I expect to have him down to the next meeting. Frank Keough fell down the cellar stairs but is back at work with no serious injuries. Al Plant has just added his name to the list by using his foot as a cushion under about 100 pounds of lead — next time Al, let it hit the floor. You can always get a new floor.

Apremont was represented at the Testimonial Dinner to Denny Brunton by Al Shobbott, Jim Macallum and yours truly.

— John L. Mallon.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: Ralph Whitman
455 Killingly St., Providence, R. I.
Secretary: William M. McAllister
71 Calaman Rd., Cranston 10, R. I.

Once again fellars, this is "Itchy" McCormick and Willie Mack broadcasting from meatless Rhode Island. As I pen these words politicians are promising us plenty of meat. Let's hope their predictions come true as I know the boys of the YD are darned sick and tired of eating Clifford's rubber hose. Of course Dan calls the said ends of hose — Frankfurters. If so, I'd say the hot dogs of 1946 are sure tough.

Yes, comrades, 28 years ago to the very minute you are reading this column we, of the old YD, were a happy lot. The old Guerre was over — and we had

but two thoughts in mind. One thought was that of going home, the other was of the many fine YD men who had fought the war and their last battle. In the mud and stench of the Argonne we promised, prayed and hoped that when we returned to the States the old gang would stick together — in memory of our gallant gang who were doomed to rest in their graves in Foreign Soil. Twenty-eight years later — the faithful of the YD have kept their word. Let's hope 28 years hence the new YD will revere their buddies as we have remembered ours.

In getting right down to YD business I'll admit the workers of the chapter are having a hell of a job in trying to keep the old YD men in line. For the year 1946, we are shooting for the 290 mark. It can be done if all will lend a helping hand. With the addition of the new YD being eligible for membership I believe that there will come a day when we hit the 400 mark in Rhode Island. To date, from the new YD, we have signed the following: Maj. John J. Christy, E. G. Gendreau, Arthur A. Almon, Jr., Ira D. Morse, Burton W. Signor, Raymond F. Coady, Nicholas D. Giovanni, Antonio Piccirilli, Francis F. Kiernan, George R. Trabucco, John MacKinnon, Guido Lepore, Earl W. Anderson, Paul G. Campbell, John Martucci, Oliver Chaurins, Angelo Nicolo, Manuel Enos, Carmine Petteruti, Barney Cramer, John J. Lukowski and others. If we can re-up our old timers who haven't paid for '46-'47 I'm sure Providence Chapter will go over the top.

To my knowledge Providence Chapter has never asked the members in general for a personal contribution to carry on the work of the chapter. You know, men, it takes dough to run an outfit. When we first started, our treasury held the small sum of $1.65 which was picked up at our first meeting. Down on through the years the workers of the chapter have strove hard to build up a bank balance to be used when we are old and gray. This money has been raised by the faithful who gave many hours of their time in carrying on the traditions of the old YD in which you, also, served.

In November we are sending every member $1.00 worth of tickets. Due to business reasons and other obligations, we know that many of you cannot give time or your help to carry on the work of the YD, but, we do know when called upon you will lend a helping hand to aid us in raising money for relief, flowers, repair of our Church at Belleau Woods, France, and other incidentals pertaining to the welfare of our chapter. When you receive your tickets accept them in the thought that they are for a worthy cause. If you are the lucky winner of one of the prizes you'll have no regrets for the gamble.

Here are a few scratches from Itchy McCormick's itch. The Harry B. Henderson recently mentioned in our local press as the senatorial candidate from Wyoming, is none other than the Skipper from the old Jam Battery. Carl Eden is our candidate for Mayor on the G.O.P. ticket. Harold Tucker has resigned as deputy speaker of the House of Representatives in R. I. Tom Keenan, on his way to the Legion Convention, picked up Lt. McDowell, Hdqrs. Company, in Chicago. Capt. Bill Shunney, Battery E, winged his way across the country to attend the A.L. convention. The Kitty, at our last meeting was won by Bob Bell, Woonsocket, R. I. Bob Murray, our winterized YD man is expected home from Jerusalem. Maj. Arthur Almon has re-enlisted in the 103rd F.A., in preparation for W. W. III. When the election is over, let's hope our long lost steaks will have returned from the grave. In conclusion, we'll be seeing you all at our next meeting which will be held on Wednesday, December 4th.

— Itchy-Willie.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Clarence R. Roys, 87 N. Pearl St., Meriden, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: H. Leroy Woodcock, 94 Elmwood Ave., Waterbury, Conn.

STATE MEETING

Meeting called to order at 3:10 P. M. by Commander Roys. Commander Roys had the colors advanced as the comrades stood at salute. Opening prayer by Dept. of Connecticut Sgt.-at-Arms Eben Dike, pinch hitting for our Chaplain who is under the doctor's care.

Commander Roys then had the Sgt.-at-Arms escort the following distinguished guests to the rostrum in the following order: National Comdr. Larry Cooke; Dept. of Rhode Island Comdr. Carl Olsen; National Sgt.-at-Arms Michael Crescenzo, and Dept. of Connecticut Historian John Goss; P.D.C. Fray, Thompson and Hirsch were also invited but requested permission to remain on the floor.

The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted as read. Flower Fund, $174.29; General Fund, $51.66; total $225.95.

Senior Vice-Commander John Carter reported on membership. A lot of work has been done by National

Headquarters in making out this list which Connecticut received — 197 names. These were turned over to Sen. Vice-Comdr. John Carter who split them up into chapters. These were sent to the commanders of each chapter to check and see how many names could be signed up. Each Chapter Commander is supposed to notify the Sen. Vice-Commander of their progress. After two months, two chapters have reported — Willimantic and Waterbury. These should be followed up as Maj. Gen. Willard S. Paul, Commanding General of the 26th Division in World War II has written each member advising them to join the Yankee Division Veterans' Association. Come on, Commanders, let's have some action! Let Sen. Vice Commander Carter have some reports.

Roll Call of Officers — 6 present.

Roll Call of Chapters — 9 present.

Commander Roys had the Secretary read the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held at the American Legion Home, Colony street, Meriden, Conn., Oct. 2nd. These were received and placed on file.

Commander Roys then read the resignation of our Junior Vice Comdr. Joseph Kolinsky, due to illness. Motion made and carried the resignation be accepted with regret.

Sen. Vice-Comdr. John Carter moved that the Department accept the recommendation for the appointment to fill the vacancy of Jr. Vice-Commander.

P.D.C. Bill Thompson moved that Father Anderson, Dept. of Connecticut Americanization Officer, be given recognition as he has volunteered to visit all the sick comrades in Newington and Rocky Hill for our regular Chaplain, Wm. O'Neil, Jr., who is under the doctor's care.

Commander Roys then called on National Commander Larry Cooke who spoke on the growing membership of veterans of World War II in YDVA. National Sgt.-at-Arms Mike Crescenzo then spoke of locating four or five members of the outfit of a boy who lived in Texas whose mother had a letter in *Yankee Doings* requesting information regarding the death of her son overseas. John Goss, the YDVA Historian, made a few brief remarks. Dept. of R. I. Comdr. Carl Olsen then spoke. He remarked on how many Chapter Commanders from Rhode Island were present. Am sorry I didn't get the names of these commanders.

November meeting in Torrington, Morrison Hall, Water street.

December meeting, Stamford; March meeting, New London — place to be announced.

— H. Leroy Woodcock.

BRISTOL

Commander: Benjamin Erickson
Collinsville, Conn.

Secretary: Will N. Salladin
153 Goodwin St., Bristol, Conn.

Held our last meeting as usual at the YD Camp in Plainville — good meeting and a grand time.

We have one new member, A. J. Higgins, Co. F, 104th Infantry.

Commander Erickson headed the delegation over to the State Meeting in Westerly, R. I., also one to the dinner to Past National Comdr. Dennis Brunton in Springfield.

Tony Penda is laid up in Saint Francis Hospital, Hartford and Morty Fitzgerals got in the way of a hit and run driver and has a broken leg.

— Will N. Salladin.

HARTFORD

Commander: Harry T. Robertson
Greenwoods Rd., Norfolk, Conn.

Secretary: Carroll B. Case
23 Harvard St., Hartford, Conn.

For many years, one of the outstanding events of the Hartford Chapter, YD, is the annual banquet commemorating the division's entry into the trenches in World War I, on Feb. 6, 1918.

Those of our national, department and post officers and comrades of YD who ever attended one of these affairs, they always return for more.

This year's event expects to top them all, and the chapter is making its arrangements early so that the caterer will store away some good cow beef and not jackass for those who attend.

The date selected is Saturday, Feb. 8th. Banquet promptly at 6:30 p. m. Social and cock-tail beginning at 5:00 p. m. An entertainment program supreme following the banquet without a bubble. And it's stag.

These programs have been successful because there is little speaking. However, we will grant our Na-

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tional Comdr. Larry Cook and another great YD man who served through both Wars in the YD, who we feel you will enjoy. Details later.

We want also our new YD comrades as well as the old to attend and enjoy this affair.

In a later issue we will give you the location of this affair and its features.

— John J. Goss.

MERIDEN

Commander: Henry E. Carter
100 Madison Ave., Meriden, Conn.

Secretary: Lawrence Dewey
15 Platt Ave., Meriden, Conn.

On Sunday, October 13 we went over to Westerly, R. I. to the State Meeting put on by the Groton-Stonington Chapter. It was a beautiful drive with the leaves starting to turn and in spite of it being in a far away place it was the largest turnout in a long time. An old Co. L man, Frank Wadsworth is Commander of this chapter and sends his regards to all his old friends.

Saturday night, October 19th a half dozen of us went to the dinner in honor of Denny Brunton held in the Hotel Charles. Every one of us know the swell job that Denney did as National Commander but to have heard Father Geo. S. O'Connor one of our 26th. Division Chaplains and his own brother Danny, the present Mayor of Springfield tell of the swell things of his home life was worth the price and trouble of going. Denney was presented with a service set made here in Meriden by International. It was a thing of beauty and brought much comment of praise.

We are sorry to have to report Sam Tyler on the sick lost. Sam was operated on last week and will be laid up for quite a while. We all hope for a speedy recovery. Also on the sick list at Newington is Martin Cummings who also had an operation. How about a card shower when we hear of some sick?

While in Springfield we had quite a chat with Fred Brown another Co. L member. Fred can be located at his place of business at 607 Fifth avenue, N. Y. and any time you are in New York he would welcome any callers.

Chris Seerey sent down his regards to the boys and says any time you are in Springfield stop in at Murray's next to the Arch.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Matteson are now at their new home at 136 Wall street and welcome all the YD to call.

— Larry Dewey.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: Ray C. Cooper
65 Lilac St., New Haven 11, Conn.

Secretary: Eugene F. Clark
420 Central Avenue, New Haven 15, Conn.

New Haven Chapter opened its new quarters at 346 State street in a blaze of glory on the night of October 12th. An overflow crowd turned out and were unanimous in saying that they had a swell time. Among the YD "Brass" and invited guests were: National Comdr. Cook; National Sgt.-at-Arms Crescenzo, Past Mass. State Comdr. Heftye, Past National Comdr. Brunton, Past National Sgt.-at-Arms Patch, Connecticut Dept. Comdr. Roys and Connecticut Sgt.-at-Arms Dikes. Rev. Father Cavanaugh (brother of our late "Iron Major"), Lt. Col. Tom White, Frank Lawn, State Comdr., American Legion, Arthur Daly, George Moore, President of the Veterans Council, were also there.

Comdr. Ray Cooper opened the festivities, later turning it over to S.V.C. Ray Hayward who did a splendid job as M.C., introducing the guest speakers and a very fine program of entertainers.

Certificates of Merit were presented to Father Cavanaugh, Sherwood Rogers, and Dwight Chapman, for their outstanding work for YDVA.

After the business end of the evening was completed, a full course turkey dinner was served by the House Committee under the direction of Chairman Dube. Dancing and impromptu entertainment was enjoyed until a late hour.

The final touch needed for our beautiful quarters was a piano and this was filled through the efforts of Commander Cooper, though it looked for a time as if the movers he depended upon to deliver said piano (Comrades Clark and Weaton) had sabotaged his efforts when the piano fell off the truck en route to the club rooms. However, Commander Cooper worked on the piano and had it in condition for P.C. Otis Culver to do his usual show-stopping act, assisted by his wife and partner, our "own charming Bessie Leonard."

New Haven Chapter is planning a very elaborate reception to all former YD men in this area, who served in World War II as well as present World War II YD men, to be held in the very near future. Judging from the crowd at the Dedication Party, this reception may have to be held outside our quarters.

— Eugene F. Clark.

NEW LONDON

Commander: Tony Pechout
99 Glen St., New Britain, Conn.
Secretary: Eric S. Olsen
187 Main St., Hartord, Conn.

We held our usual monthly meeting and a high percentage of members were present, including three younger members from the Posts attending U.S.O.N., in the city of New London.

Harry Hill our treasurer is now having a joyful vacation in Havana, Cuba. He flew down in the first plane to leave Groton Airport on commercial hops.

Bernt Benson, had a stroke of bad luck as he was taken suddenly ill and is confined to the Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

The chapter members are wondering what keeps Kenneth Webb so busy on the farm that he can't find time to attend our meetings. Did you get that barn painted red yet, Webb?

— A. L. Chrissos.

WINDHAM COUNTY

Commander: Dr. Wm. Keating
12 Potter St., Willimantic, Conn.
Secretary: G. H. Hall
South Willington, Conn.

Greetings to our members whom we see little of but whom we like to see and hear more about. Our last meeting, October 7th, was not well attended, only 12 showing up. The old Yankee spirit of doing rather than talking is the reason the old stand-bys are never absent. Haggerty, Moshier, Vallancourt, Delaney, Cohen and G. Hall, plus the new men such as Kane, R. Hall and Semel, are keeping the wheels turning for YD and YD, men, means you. It pays, men, in terms of self satisfaction to get together month after month and take stock of what is going on about us. We are a healthy chapter anyways you look at it. It does get mighty disheartening sometimes when you labor for the GOOD of YD and put your whole heart and soul into the work you do for it and then get but SMALL return in the form of attendance at meetings. How about some of you good YDers, getting around now and then? Remember when meetings use to run 20 and 25 per meeting, never less than 18? It would be a mighty pleasant feeling to see some of you show up.

The last meeting was full of spirit (non alcoholic) and a nice feed of cider, sandwiches and doughnuts were served. Entertainment fell through due to entertainer being unable to make it at the last minute. Bob Hall, chairman, did a nice job helping Johnny Kane. Thanks to you two boys.

A Hallowe'en party is in order on the 31st for members, wives and girl friends. This is to be held in Norwich Buckingham Memorial. Dunking for apples and etc., will make up the fun part.

Don't forget the big Annual Christmas Party. No date set as yet but keep this in mind. We want all the members present for this one.

The committee for the Hallowe'en Party was: Chairman Bob Hall, Johnny Kane, Martin Cohen and Tom Delaney. It will be a good party.

How about Meriden getting together with us sometime? A smoker and make it Meriden Night. I would suggest one of our regular meeting nights for this occasion. On that night let's have the National Commander on hand also.

— G. H. H.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Commander: Fred D. Brown, 607 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.
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BALTIMORE

Commander pro tem.: Nelson A. Wright
1001 Argonne Drive, Baltimore, Md.
Secretary pro tem.: George Harris
3940 Cloverhill Road, Baltimore, Md.

Well, us YD boys from below the Mason and Dixon line had our number one meeting the night of Oct. 11th in the 5th Regiment Armory, courtesy of Nelson Wright, skipper of K Co. of the State Guard and chairman of our group. Every man who showed up deserves a medal for venturing out on such a wet night. That, and the fact that notice was rather short, kept a number away. That and the fact that notice was rather short, kept a number away. Seven members and four more who shortly were members, came and there is no question but that we are going to cook up a fine Chapter here.

Nelson did a whale of a job checking on places to hold our meetings, but we couldn't manager the rent at present and are still looking. Maybe we could form a YD platoon and join Nelson's K Company! (Good idea? Never mind — don't answer!) The bright spot was the fact that 11 men though enough of their old outfit to come out on a bad night.

Total score to date: Baltimore 34 members with about 100 more eligible in this area.

Of those present, seven were members. They were: Earl W. Ebbert, Edmund S. Coale, Jr., Thomas E. Johancen, Anthony J. Girlando, Nelson A. Wright, George L. Sisson and yours truly. The four new men who left the meeting as members wearing our YD lapel button were: Mm. C. Chilcoat, Hdqtrs. 2nd Bn., 104th Inf.; Morton M. Kaplin, Hdqtrs. Co., 2nd Bn., 104th Inf.; Halver B. Kauffman, M Co., 328th Inf.; Rudolph J. Boehn, Service Co., 328th Inf. All present were of W. W. II except the writer who felt something like a grandfather in that crowd.

Notices were sent out to all present members and every eligible man for the October 24th meeting held at the 5th Regiment Armory at 8 o'clock.

— G. P. H.

DETROIT

Commander: Palmer Werner
5505 2nd Ave., Detroit, Mich.
Secretary: Emil P. Ragna
15420 Woodingham Dr., Detroit 21, Mich.

It was a happy and successful party that Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sady gave to the Detroit Chapter on Oct. 19th at their home on Lindsay avenue. Members and their ladies were all there from buck privates to two colonels. We enjoyed dancing, refreshments and a swell lunch made up by the master chef, Pete Sady. Comedy sketches which had us all holding on to our sides from laughter were given by Joe Sady. This comrade is a natural comedian. A newspaper photographer was present and a picture of the event will appear in one of the Detroit papers during the coming week. It was fine to see busy men such as Jack Guittaud and Nelson McCormick attend. The chapter extends its sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sady for this very happy evening.

— Emil P. Ragna.

PHILADELPHIA

Commander: Harry Evans
4214 N. Reese St., Philadelphia 20, Pa.
Secretary: William A. Forsythe
202 Susquehanna Rd., Abington, Pa.

For our Sept. 27th meeting about 60 some men of World War II were invited to the meeting and just five showed up, namely: Edward Uttian, Mitchell Sherman, Morton N. Schwartz, Simon Teblum and one other chap whose name I missed. Some of these new YD men have received as many as three invitations to parties or meetings but don't seem very interested. It may be that they would like to have a chapter of their own. If so, we older members of the Philadelphia Chapter will do everything possible to help them get started. We don't care how many chapters you boys start as long as you join up.

Now to get back to some of the old "jerks" in the outfit. And speaking of Maloney, how the "heck" is it he can't get to a meeting early? Maybe it's like Charlie Cort said, if he comes early too many boys take him over on the dart board and he can't take it any more.

With our new Commanders Evans in the driver's seat it is almost as bad as being back in the army. Does he lay down the law or does he.

It's hard to keep Charlie Cort away from the meetings now. He tells me he is always looking forward to the next one and that reminds me, the chapter wishes you the best of luck in your new assignment with the Veterans' Administration.

— Lou Wintner.

OHIO

Commander: Edward Dulude
1191 Parkwood Drive, Cleveland, Ohio
Secretary: Julius Wenzer
5207 Fleet Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

Our October meeting showed an increase in attendance. These meetings afford an excellent opportunity for you to have a nice chat with your old buddies, so how about putting in an appearance at our next meeting?

We are glad to welcome the following new memberships from World War II: Robert E. Parshall, Hqtrs., 104th Inf.; John Shabbick, Hqtrs., 104th Inf.; Elmer Kalchert, Hqtrs., 104th Inf. Parshall is well known to the new YD men for his ventriloquist performances which were a bright light in some of those dreary days.

Comrade Ralph Mitchell, W. W. I, was elected trustee for the unexpired three year term. He won the YD shirt in the drawing, but Henry Zielinski lost the cash drawing by being AWOL.

There is still an opportunity to acquire uniforms toward which the chapter voted to give $25.00. Most of the ordered uniforms are almost ready and about 10 additional members will blossom out with them at the next doings which will be . . .

The Second Anniversary Dinner Party of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ohio Chapter, on Nov. 17, 1946. We expect to be honored by the visit of the National Commander, Lawrence H. Cook and of course General Edwards' sister and brother-in-law,

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Otis and Judge Lewis Drucker.

Comrade Perley Wells, W. W. I, attended our meeting with his leg in a cast. We were pleasantly surprised to see that he could get around so well.

Russell Krueger, W. W. I, is on the road to recovery from a case of double pneumonia.

We extend our sympathy to Comrade and Mrs. Walter A. Hack (K Co., 104th Inf.), in the passing away of their 18-year-old daughter.

— Julius Wenzer.

NEW YORK

Commander: Ralph F. Nevin
Room 1350, 230 Park Ave., New York 17, N.Y.
Secretary: Andrew M. Lemon
75 Pine St., Garden City, Long Island, N. Y.
2nd Thurs., 69th Reg. Armory, 68 Lexington Ave.

For one reason or another our news was missing in the last two issues and ye olde scribe is still hearing the echos and blasts about it. Well cheer up lads the Keeper of the Pigeon Hole at Bean Town is none other than that old war horse, Guy Watts and I'm betting on him to get this column on N. Y. Doings.

Here in Knickerbocker town the YD is going strong. More and more of our W. W. II comrades are putting in a regular appearance and getting interested in YDVA.

Leo Wurtzel (328th Inf.) has a program for Welfare Work for all wounded men in the Post Operative Ward at Halloran General Hospital. Everything is lined up for some worthwhile effort in this field.

At our September meeting Col. Walter Scott (101st Inf.) and Capt. Wm. L. Hunter (101st Inf.) were welcomed and gave an interesting talk. Both are now on duty with 1st Army Hq. at Governor's Island. One of our own retreads, Col. Ben Harris gave an interesting discourse of his experience in India.

Our October meeting registered another milestone for New York. Over 60 reported for the Testimonial Dinner to Col. John Rachek, who is retiring after 39 years with Uncle Sam. Quite a few of his old outfit were present. Never heard of it — 104th Inf. Our National Commander and Mike were on hand and ably sparked the meeting with the prospects of goal ahead of us. Al Herman was on hand and got a few words off his chest — always something worthwhile.

Well the New York mailing list is close to 350, including about 80 odd members-at-large (we'll get that $1.00 yet) and a full program is unfolding for the coming months. Our December and January meetings will be held on the second Thursday at the 69th Regiment Armory, 68 Lexington Avenue.

Chance Books are now out for our customary Liquor Drawing. It will take place on Dec. 12th at the Mural Room in the 69th. This was deferred last spring in lieu of our efforts for the Worcester drawings. Now is the time to do everything possible with the sale of the books for the urgent requirement of New York to meet Welfare and Budget requirements. Contact Tony Fanelle, 626 East 35th St., Brooklyn 3, New York, for extra books.

Ernie Greup (328th Inf.) still at Valley Forge. Larry Treff now on "Chesterfield Road" in Pittsburgh with an unfilled date book. Louis Kasdan (39th Sig.) now in Richmond, Calif. (Kilroy was at our last dinner but got away).

— "Nomel".

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Commander: Eric C. Stearns
Bureau of Census, Washington, D. C.
Secretary: Arthur Robitaille
2224 Chester St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

At our last meeting the following came up for discussion in anticipation of Armistice Day, and which we think should be given consideration by the National Executive Committee, YDVA.

We conduct services three times a year at General Edwards' grave, January 1st, his birthday, May 30th,

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and Nov. 11th. We have been in the habit of placing a wreath each time and on May 30th, on for the Boston Club. Quite often we receive one from Los Angeles. On May 30th and Nov. 11th there is also a profusion of wreaths placed at the grave of the Unknown Soldier by National Organizations. We tried to keep up with this practice until a few years ago. The main reason for discontinuing it was, that, with our small paid-up membership it threw a heavy expense on the members who were active. It is our opinion, that, if wreaths are to be placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, they should be provided by the National YDVA, who may delegate the Washington Chapter to perform the service on either or both days.

In line with the foregoing, it is noticed in the museum at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, that many organizations are represented by Past Commanders badges or medals to the Unknown Soldier.

We are planning an open meeting in November for new YD prospects. Besides the 12 members you sent me I have a list of about 20 given me via phone by Colonel Colbert, four months ago. I have sent notices and applications two or three times to each one of them. The only one to answer was General Grew, who declined because he had only been with the division about three months. General Paul has offered to write personal letters to each one of them. He will also be at the Open House Meeting in November. — Arthur Robitaille.

101st INFANTRY ANNUAL REUNION

Over 300 delegates of the 101st Infantry Veterans Association, A.E.F., including a large number of new members who served with the 101st Infantry Regiment during World War II, descended on the 101st Infantry Armory, East Newton Street, Boston, on Saturday, September 28, 1946 to hold their 28th Annual Convention Reunion.

The highlight of the Convention was the election of regimental officers for the ensuing year. Not since the day back in 1919, when Brig. Gen. William J. Blake, local manager of the Veterans Administration, was elected the First President of the Association was a more spirited election ever held. For the first time since the Association was formed, William P. "Bucky" Coffey was elected for the third consecutive year to the office of President. He is the first member ever to receive this honor.

There were contests for two offices. The one that created the most interest was that for Secretary, with the present incumbent, Jimmy Powers, being opposed by Past President Edward J. "Knocko" McCormack. Powers was re-elected by a large plurality.

Others officers elected were Michael J. Lannon, 1st Vice President; William Conners, WWII, 2nd Vice President; Joseph Donavan, Treasurer; Albert F. Sears, Historian; John W. Coughlin, Judge Advoccate; and Nicholas Fleming, Sergeant-at-Arms. President Coffey appointed Thomas I. Coughlin, WWII, Public Relations Officer and John Mahoney, WWII, Service Officer.

Following the annual business meeting an old-fashioned party, with many distinguished guests present, was held. High class talent and refreshments were served while many Company reunions were held with the old and new members getting together.

Climaxing the reunion a testimonial banquet was held in honor of Past President Albert F. "Ziggie" Sears at the Copley-Plaza Hotel with a capacity crowd present. Among those who paid glowing tribute to Sears, were, Governor Maurice J. Tobin, Congressman John W. McCormack, William J. Foley, District Attorney, State Treasurer John E. Hurley, Louis Leonard, member of the Welfare Board, City of Boston, Senator Laurence Curtis, Past National Senior Vice Commander of the D.A.V., Mrs. Edward L. Logan, Russ Murray, General Manager of Raynham Park, Brig. Gen. William J. Blake, Capt. John McArdle, Boston Police Dept., Brig. Gen. Vincent C. Breen, William Schofield, Boston Navy Yard, Judge Advocate John W. Coughlin, 2nd Vice President William Conners, WWII, and William J. O'Hare, Superintendent of Mails, South Postal Annex.

Toastmaster at the dinner, President Coffey, on behalf of the many friends. presented Sears with an automobile for his outstanding work for the veterans.

Company "B" held their election during the Reunion and the following were elected. Michael V. McNeil, President; William "Bazer" Sullivan, Vice President; George McDonald, Secretary, and Brendon Mullins, Treasurer.

101st INFANTRY VETS. ASSOC. ITEMS

Here 'n' there with the 101st . . . Msgr. Osias Boucher underwent an operation at the Wyman House Hospital . . . at this writing he is doing all right for a young fellow . . . Tom (G Co.) Hammond's son, Tom, Jr., was killed in an automobile accident on Sept. 23, 1946 . . . Barney Golden (Supply) visited with Jim Doane (K Co.) on his trip to San Francisco to attend the National Legion Convention . . . Duane is the Adjutant for the State of Arizona, American Legion . . . He has retired as Chief of Police . . . Mike Mooney (I Co.) attended the convention going by way of Canada . . . The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Raymond Roberts (Mch. Gn.), Mary Elizabeth, was recently married to James L. Malone, Jr.. of Arlington . . . Our best wishes.

Brig. Gen. Vince Breen (C Co.) was given a great send-off by the officers under his command, on Tuesday eve., October 11, 1946, at the South Armory, Irvington St., Boston, upon his retirement from the Mass. State Guard . . . Lt. Gol. Walter B. Grant on behalf of the officers, presented Gen. Breen with a gold pen and pencil set . . . Mrs. Breen was the recipient of a beautiful bouquet . . . The esteem in which Gen. Green is held by the officers of the 25th, 26th, and 28th Regiments of the M. S. G., was clearly indicated on that evening . . . Adj. Gen. William Harrison was the principal speaker.

Jim Shaughnessy (H Co.) has retired as custodian of the Boston School Dept. . . . Good old Col. Eddie "Pop" Conners (Co. B) will command the new 101st Inf. Regt. Mass. Nat. Guard . . . Congratulations Eddie, we know the first order "The Command is Forward." . . . Mike Crowley (Co. B) is very ill at the Carney Hospital, So. Boston . . . Larry Goldberg and Eddie Malone (Co. B) are patients at the West Roxbury Hospital.

S-Sgt. Bob Adams (W.W.II) is a student at the College of Hampton Roads, Virginia. . . . T-Sgt. Leland Crabbe (WWII) is in the Regular Army and stationed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma . . . Lt. Bill Olmstead (WWII) is a student at the Univ. of California . . . Major Brown (WWII) is a clothing salesman in Champaign, Ill. . . . Scotty Duncan (Co. C) accompanied by Joe Simmons attended the Ancient Convention in Ottawa . . . Freddie Jackson (Co. D) and Al Gifford (Co. D) were among those to personally greet Bill Corum (Co. D) who was in Boston to broadcast the series.

Jack Smith (F Co.) and Al. McWade, of W.W.II fame are now the Associate Editors of "Yankee Doings."

One speaker at the Sears' banquet to draw the laughs was Louis Leonard (Co. H) . . . He had been waiting a long time to put the rib on Ziggie at a dinner . . . Fred Jones (Co. G) who retired from the Worcester Police Dept. is now the manager of the YD Club of Worcester . . . Sorry to hear of the untimely deaths of Dutch Mahan (Co. A) and John Foster (Mch. Gn.) . . . Two great fellows . . . So many banquets lately on the list that my youngest daughter, Kathleen, asked me the other day, "Don't you like mother's cooking anymore?"

Eddie Crowley (Co. D) is on the sick list . . . A bachelor's dinner was held at Blinstrubs, So. Boston, on Friday night, October 18, 1946 for Ensign Edward J. McCormack, Jr., son of "Knocko" and Mae McCormack . . . Ed, Jr., was married the next day to Miss Emily Ruplis of So. Boston, at St. Augustine's Church, So. Boston . . . Our best wishes . . . "Catpie" Gillespie (Co. I) is a grandfather . . . I had better stop writing . . . Don't be choosey, dues are duesy. Send 'em in to 25 Huntington Ave., Boston 16, Mass.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

"E" COMPANY ECHOES

Thanks to Ellis Harmon, we have some news from Maine. He reports he saw Bill Whittaker, Charlie and Lloyd Sargent at Bar Mills on Memorial Day. He says that Bill's address is 69 Court St., Augusta, Me. Doc Garrett had another short story, "Communion" in July issue of Good House-Keeping Magazine. Walter Jencks sent in a card in June announcing he was with the Ingalls Engineering Co., Providence, R. I. Pop Morrissey is a member of the Onset Disaster Fund Committee. Jim Metcalf sent us a story from his local paper telling about the drawing of house lots in Sudbury, in which Davir Buxton, Bill's son, was one of the lucky veterans to win a house lot. We recently learned from Laurie Guild's sister that Laurie died out in Glendale, Calif., March 5, 1946. He was married but had no children. He was buried with impressive ceremonies in Sawtelle National Cemetery outside Los Angeles, Calif.

In a bulletin of the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, we notice that Ralph Hawkins, for the first time in the history of our Commonwealth, pre-

sented the State safety program at Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. John Rooney and his family summered at Green Harbor, Mass. Jim Chisholm, was in the office to see me a couple of times when I was out — but at last we made connections and we must say Jim is looking well and fit — as if he could step into the ring again without further training and carry on as of yore. After a trip to Chile he was to return to Texas some time in November. At a luncheon given by the Governor to the Greek General Marshall Papagoes — we had the pleasure of meeting George Thompson. He has changed but little. He is working for J. S. Contas Co., 185 State St., and seemed very happy about it all.

Johnny Priestley's daughter's engagement was announced recently. We haven't heard from Bill Dodge for years but one of our office associates met him in Milford, Mass., where his address is 67 Beaver St., and brought back his greetings. Those of you who knew Mrs. Carroll Swan will be sorry to learn that she died late in August after a long illness. If we are not mistaken, Miss Virginia Porter is Bobby's daughter and her engagement was announced on Sept. 29th. Saw Carl Samsel from our office window one bright day recently. He looked well and business like as he strode along. Charlie Dodge has bought a house at 21 Meredith St., West Roxbury. Frank Cotton phoned for some dope about our old buddies and reported he was hale and hearty.

Walter Jenks dropped in on James Mason Logee to get some apples, among other things, and reports that Logee visited Curt Haskell in California and had a grand time. Logee's two sons are out of the service and one, at least, is married. Walter's father-in-law, too, as one of his daughters, was married in April and his other daughter entered Rhode Island State Hospital for training in September. Saw Orville Casely at a football game in North Quincy one Sunday in September. He, too, always looks as if he were in constant training for athletics. Here's a card from Carl V. Payson inviting you to see him for insurance of every description and also to order your winter heating oil — address is 336 Pleasant St., Milton 86, Mass. Doddy Bent gave us a call when he was in town late last August.

Ellis Harmon and Jim Chisholm have rung the old cash register bell since last issue. This has been a tough issue to get out — we think it's the only time an ECHO has covered four months in all the years we've been getting it out. We started work on this issue over a month ago but there was so little news that we decided to wait until now for what you find here. It would be very helpful if, as suggested before, you would purchase from time to time one of the greatest bargains in the world — a 1c U. S. Post Card — and send in bits of news for us to pass along to your old comrades in arms. That's what makes ECHOES.

As this is going to press, the sad news just appears in the newspapers of October 14th, reporting the death of our old friend and comrade, Fred Hewey.

— LET'S STICK TOGETHER —

— R. M. Eastman.

★★★ TAPS ★★★

Report has been received that Earl A. Howard, formerly with Headquarters Troop, Division Hdqrs., W. W. 1, passed away at Portland, Me. He was a member of the Cumberland Chapter of Portland.

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Arthur S. Greenwood, formerly of Co. C, 101st Signal Bn., W. W. 1, passed away after a long illness on Aug. 6, 1946.

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Arthur P. Hamilton, who served with Tank Co. of the Division when it was called in Federal Service in 1941 and later was with the 191st Tank Bn. and the 781st Tank Bn., met with a fatal accident on Sunday, Sept. 29th at Boston, Mass. Burial was from his former home in Roxbury, Mass.

William F. Healey, B Co., 102nd M.G., Bn., W. W. 1, was killed in line of duty, Oct. 2, 1946. Bill was a police sergeant on the Boston police force. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury, Mass.

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John H. Foster, formerly of Machine Gun Company, 101st Infantry, died suddenly at his home, October 4th, 1946.

Besides a wife, Edith, he leaves a daughter, Dorothy A. Foster, his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Foster, two sisters, Adelide Foster and Mrs. Nicholas P. Williams, all of Brookline, and a brother, Charles, of Waltham.

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Elmer Fall, died on Oct. 11, 1946. Elmer served as Top-kick, of A Battery, 101st F.A. His death

took place at Lynn Hospital. He was in the real estate and insurance business in Lynn and very prominent in many organizations. He made his home with his mother.

Major Michael J. Dee, 104th Inf., 26th Division W.W.I, passed away after suffering a cerebral hemmorhage, Tuesday, October 2nd. Major Dee, served with the Nat. Guard for a great many years and prior to that with the Volunteer Militia. He was on the border in 1916 and was appointed provost marshal of the 26th Div. while serving in France. He was superintendent of the Concord Reformatory about fourteen years.

The committal services were held on October 7th, from St. Bernard's, Concord, Mass. The YDVA, the Legion, the VFW with a detail of guards from the Reformatory served as escorts and pall bearers.

Fletcher B. Long, formerly 101st M.P.'s W. W. I, died at So. Portland, Me., during the month of Aug. 1946. He was buried at Milton Cemetery, Milton, Mass.

Walter C. (Dutch) Mahan, formerly A. Company, 101st Inf., W. W. I, died at the Boston City Hospital, Oct. 10th. Dutch was an outstanding athlete at Williams College and Syracuse University. He served on the Border in 1916. Dutch was the victim of old wounds received while serving with the 101st Inf. in France and from which he never fully recovered.

He was a former Post reporter and covered many outstanding assignments, notably the Richeson case.

Requiem High Mass was said at the Holy Name Church on Oct. 12th.

Cornelius McIntyre, better known to YD men as Johnny Morris, died Sunday, October 27 at the Boston City Hospital. Johnny had been sick for a long while and his many friends, though shocked at his death, were expecting it. John had a long and colorful career in the boxing ring. He fought most of the best men in New England about 25 years ago. During World War I, John served, first with the 103rd Field Hospital then as a medic with the 101st Engineers.

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